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Opening Session, Tuesday Morning, 10:15 o'clock, September 10, 1935.
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The Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was opened in regular ritualistic form with the Commander-in-Chief, Frank L. Kirchgassner, of Massachusetts presiding. He appointed: Guide, Department Commander C. Leroy Stoudt; Color Bearer, Junior Vice Department Commander A. F. Post (Delegate); Guards, Stanley Landis, Curtis Rigor, Delegates, all of Pennsylvania, constituting a detail of the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve; Official Stenographer, Miss Mary Katherine Wakefield, Past President Auxiliary, Dwight, Illinois.

COMMITTEES

Credentials—H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman; Department Commanders John W. Rippetoc, Illinois; R. R. Wood, Michigan; P. M. Thurston, New Hampshire; C. B. Stuart, New Jersey.

Constitution and Regulations—W. T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois; Bertrand O. DeForest, Department Commander, Connecticut; Theodore H. Mohr, Past Department Commander, Missouri; J. L. Reeger, Past Department Commander, New Jersey; Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.

Ritual and Ceremonies—Park F. Yengling, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio; G. M. Farrington, Department Commander, Vermont; H. W. Siemers, Department Commander, Wisconsin; J. A. McGee, Department Commander, Kansas; C. W. Jackman, Past Department Commander, Alabama & Tennessee.

Resolutions—E. W. Homan, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts; H. W. Ameli, Department Commander, New York; Carl F. Sattler, Department Commander, Ohio; L. L. Foss, Past Department Commander, Minnesota; Edward F. Ream, Past Department Commander, Illinois.

Officers' Reports—Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief, Connecticut; H. D. Crow, Department Commander, California; J. L. Crawford, Department Commander, Massachusetts; Frederick K. Davis, Department Commander, Oregon; Neil D. Cranmer, Past Department Commander, New York.

Press—Carroll W. Neeld, Delegate, Illinois; Glenn F. Wigent, Past Department Commander, Michigan.

COMMITTEES ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Grand Army of the Republic—Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York; Archie M. Campbell, Past Department Commander, Illinois; H. W. Ameli, Department Commander, New York; Kenneth F. Cramer, Council-in-Chief, Connecticut.

Woman's Relief Corps—Past Department Commanders Addressed: A. Quinn, Massachusetts; Perle L. Fouch, Michigan; F. C. Barnard, New York.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—Titus M. Ruch, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania; Rev. A. M. Soule, National Chaplain, Maine; John W. Rippetoe, Department Commander, Illinois.

Daughters of Union Veterans—Frank Shellhouse, Past Commander-in-Chief, Indiana; R. S. Valleau, Department Commander, Maryland; Fred O. Arnold, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island.

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans—John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania; E. W. Homan, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts; R. J. Gillespie, Past Department Commander, Michigan.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Is the Credential Committee ready to report?

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee presents a report which with names as enrolled and called I move be accepted as the preliminary report and first roll of the Encampment. (Motion seconded by Past Department Commander Shrieve of Ohio. Carried.)

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: This basket of flowers comes with the love and best wishes of the National President of the Auxiliary, my co-worker, Sister Gertrude Sautter.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Reports of Officers. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dyer will assume this station while I read my report.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

Nearly thirteen months ago, with the endorsement of the Massachusetts Department, my name was presented as a candidate and I was elected Commander-in-Chief by the votes of the members of the Fifty-third Encampment. Doubting my own ability to give proper service to the office, I was however determined to fulfill the obligation to the best of my ability to perform the duties of the office which I had assumed.

This I have done, my Brothers, and now come to present a report of my stewardship that you may judge whether my efforts meet with your approval. I am not satisfied with the results. I assumed the office with a desire to carry out many plans, but soon found that those desires far exceeded my limited ability. I have given much time to my efforts, but even then there was not sufficient time to do all I had hoped.

I shall endeavor to bring to your attention some of the observations made during my contact with officers and members of the organization, to present to you some views of the condition in which we find ourselves, and to make certain recommendations for your consideration, in order that you may discuss and act upon them as you think best.

MEMBERSHIP.

My predecessor was no doubt sincere in his report and conviction that our organization had struck rock bottom and that we were going

forward. He suggested that if he had another month in office, at least ten new Camps would be added. On the strength of this outlook, the Council-in-Chief, in making up the budget for the year, no doubt estimated the revenue from per capita tax on 30,000 members, and estimated the revenue from per capita tax on 20 new Camps. The tabulated reports of the Secretary-Treasurer present a different picture, showing we have lost over 2,000 members, and only six Camps have been instituted during the year. As a result of these losses naturally our finances suffer also. This, of course, is very disappointing and is not very encouraging for my successor, even though the report for the June quarter may be a little brighter than the others.

While we have been continuing our losses, there have been some fine reports of gains, and there is a ray of hope in the fact that soon these gains may overtake the losses. Another bright omen is that we are getting in many grandsons and great-grandsons, and in many places they are becoming the active and progressive factors in the organization.

It is regrettable, however, to report that cases have been brought to my attention where younger men had become active and started to inject new life in their Camps, that they have lost interest in the work because the older members have discouraged their efforts. If we expect our organization to continue, the older members should step aside whenever they can get younger men to assume the responsibility of office and encourage and assist them in their efforts.

Then, too, I feel that if we want to attract men to our organization we must change our method of functioning. When we have to go out and coax members to join, we rarely get good active members. We should have fewer meetings than we do and these meetings should be made more attractive. My hope is that the plans that are being crystallized by the Program and Policy Committee will create a condition in the future that will attract men to our organization and its work.

I believe that there are many men who would be glad to honor their fathers' service in preserving the Union and enlist upon our Platform, but who have not the time to give to Camp work. Such men I feel sure could be enlisted if we had a Membership-at-Large connected with each Department, and a recommendation to establish this feature will be offered.

VISITATIONS.

In past years, visitations to Departments had been largely planned to coincide with those of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in these the heads of the other allied organizations joined. Naturally, we had hoped that that would be our pleasure this year. We found, however, that Commander-in-Chief Stacey did not intend to travel much, and this was manifested more strongly after his illness in February.

Accordingly, it was necessary to make up my own schedule and visit as many Departments as possible, bearing in mind the need of keeping down expenses. I was able to visit eighteen Departments, twelve being at Department Encampments. It is not necessary to give any details of these because they have been published each month in The Banner.

It was most fortunate for us that, at the head of our Auxiliary, we had as its leader a very enthusiastic, earnest advocate of our organization, Mrs. Gertrude M. Sautter. She had planned an extensive schedule to visit nearly all the Western Departments, and I found

her most receptive to the idea of carrying a message to our organization. I therefore wrote all Department Commanders, Officers and Aides near the places she was scheduled to visit, urging them to attend the meetings and to receive her with all courtesy and honor due her as my representative, as well as the high office she held. The responses were most encouraging and Sister Sautter performed a splendid service for us and awakened a greater interest in our work.

Because of the meetings that had been planned by her, it was possible for me to make some contacts that otherwise could not have been made, and I was particularly happy to be able to join her on some of the visits on her homeward trip, as well as later to visit with her at several of the Department Encampments.

It was a great pleasure to have met with so many of the members in their respective Department Encampments and to have participated as a guest in their social affairs. The contacts made with members in special meetings or round table conferences were most pleasing, because I realized that these members were putting forth extra effort to be present at the meetings. It also gave me the opportunity of hearing of the difficulties that were being encountered in Camps and Departments and to have advised with them as best I could. I appreciate the many courtesies extended wherever I went, and will retain many pleasant memories of the contacts made and the friendships formed.

I did not feel that I should use the money necessary to travel to the Western Departments, because at best it would only have been a hurried visit and those Departments need more than a hurried visit. After we have made more definite progress in our Program and Policy plans, we surely will be able to give those Departments more attention by sending officers or representatives who will give constructive advice and assistance. Here would be a fine opportunity for the appointment and service of a Regional Commander, as suggested elsewhere in this report.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY.

The Fifty-third Annual Encampment adopted the plan submitted by the Committee on Program and Policy and our Regulations were amended to put the plan into execution. We adopted our Platform. We were definitely pledged to put this into effect, and the Committee was appointed as outlined in the Regulations.

It was indeed fortunate for our organization that Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke of Illinois, sponsor for the idea and plan, consented to accept again the chairmanship of the Committee. The report which will be submitted by the Committee will, in reality, be largely the result of his continued individual interest and effort. I was very glad to give whatever assistance I could and especially to urge his using the front page of The Banner on several occasions, for the purpose of awakening the interest of our members.

The first suggestion made to put the plan into action was to divide the organization into districts, or regions. This had my approval, and accordingly four regions were formed—Western, Central, Eastern, and New England. Then followed the organizing of the Regions and the holding of meetings.

On Saturday, October 28, 1934, at the call of Brother Locke, a meeting of the Central Region was held at Chicago, and representatives of eleven of the thirteen Departments attended. Saturday, April 6, 1935, under the direction of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Wil-

William Allan Dyer, a meeting of the Eastern Region was held at New York City. A meeting of the New England Region was held at Boston on Saturday, June 1; another at The Weirs, New Hampshire on Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21, and a meeting is already planned to be held at Providence, Rhode Island, on Saturday and Sunday, September 28-29.

This shows progress and interest in attempts to carry out the plan. As was stated by Brother Locke at Rochester, the plan was experimental, but at least a step in the right direction. The holding of these regional meetings is one step that will prove beneficial to the progress we hope to make.

The Committee has stressed our Platform, to which we stand pledged. Adherence to that pledge means work, but work along lines that cannot but help to build up a large and worthwhile organization. Our Platform has brought commendation from other patriotic organizations, and Brother Locke has had communications with other hereditary organizations giving assurance of their interest in our work. It is indicative of our hope to act in unison with other patriotic organizations who stand for the furtherance of the same things as outlined in our Purposes and Platform.

Let us give careful and serious consideration to the report that the Committee will present and be ready to back them up wholeheartedly in their attempt to advise legislation for the welfare and growth of our organization.

The success of the regional meetings and the interest manifested by the bringing together of the officers to discuss the condition and welfare of the organization leads me to suggest the feasibility of holding Regional Encampments. Then, too, the appointment of a Regional Director or Commander who, under the supervision of the Commander-in-Chief, could act as his representative in assisting the Departments in organization, as well as patriotic work. This plan would relieve the Commander-in-Chief of a lot of traveling, and money thus saved could be given to Regional Directors to defray some of their expense.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

The Fifty-third Annual Encampment adopted the recommendation that as soon as our finances permit an up-to-date issue of the Constitution and Regulations be printed. I do not feel that we have an up-to-date Constitution and Regulations to meet our present day or future needs, and before printing a new set we should have a complete revision of our Regulations. I believe some changes are necessary in our Constitution and recommendations covering these are presented.

One of the requirements of our Constitution is, that to maintain a Department it must have at least 10 Camps and 250 members. Inasmuch as there has been a violation of this provision, it will be necessary for this Encampment to ratify the action of the Commander-in-Chief in not enforcing the Constitution on this point. Action should be taken either to amend this part of the Constitution or at least definitely express the policy of the Commandery-in-Chief on the matter.

It might be advisable to reprint our Constitution and Regulations in The Banner, using a column each month to print a portion. Then put into operation the recommendation adopted last year at Rochester to have a School of Instruction, and require Department and Camp officers to participate and to study and become familiar with the Constitution and Regulations. In this way, every member will have be-

fore him the Laws he is pledged to obey and which the Officers are expected to carry out, and perhaps the Officers themselves will understand more fully their duties and obligations. Perhaps out of this review and study by the membership—at least those interested—may come some suggestions for changes in our laws, which will bring them more up-to-date and workable. Hence my recommendation that we have a complete revision of our Constitution and Regulations.

DISCIPLINE.

Under this heading we usually refer to any matters that require the attention of the National Counselor. Fortunately we had no occasion to call upon National Counselor M. G. Heintz for the settlement of any infractions of our Laws, although he has given advice in some cases that has prevented trouble.

One meaning of discipline is subjection to rule, and habit of obedience. In this we can improve greatly because too often our failure to obey the Laws, Regulations and General Orders causes a lot of unnecessary work and expense on the part of the men you select as your leaders and expect to maintain the morale and standing of our Organization.

There is another element that enters here and that is the several cases of jealousy and dissension that exist in some of the Departments and Camps. These uncalled-for and uncharitable actions are proving a great detriment to our membership and to the morale of our organization. Until we learn to abide by the decision of the majority and to co-operate whole-heartedly with that majority, we cannot hope to make much progress as a fraternal organization. There is an old saying "It is better to work with the construction gang than with the wrecking crew." In our fraternity there should be no need for a wrecking crew.

THE BANNER.

Our official organ, The Banner, is in my opinion a very great and necessary part of our organization. How else could we maintain our contact with our membership? With less than thirty per cent of our members attending meetings, how could any general order or message reach them?

I have found it a very valuable means of communicating with the membership, besides promulgating the General Orders. It is the one contact we have of letting the interested members know what is going on. That members do read The Banner is evidenced by the many letters I have received commenting on my column and those of the other National Officers.

I regret very much that we had to dispense with the April and June issues, but it was deemed a financial necessity, due to the continued loss of members and thereby a loss of revenue from per capita tax.

There are many and varied opinions in regard to The Banner, but whatever suggestions or recommendations may be offered by the Council-in-Chief or other members, I trust that no action will be taken to do away with our official organ.

As a craftsman in the publishing business I know some of the problems and conditions that have confronted the publisher during these trying economic times. It is Brother Holbrook's sincere interest in our organization that has made him contend with conditions that no other business man would accept.

Brother Holbrook has been ready and willing at all times to co-

operate with the Commander-in-Chief and his staff, and his advice has been greatly appreciated.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

It was my very great pleasure while attending the Department Encampment at Gettysburg, Pa., to also pay a visit to the Reserve at their Camp. I was accorded the honors of my office, and also took part in the ceremonies of Evening Parade and Review. I was greatly impressed with the splendid soldierly discipline of these men and the excellence of their ceremonies. Here indeed in my opinion is one splendid feature that will attract the grandsons and great-grandsons.

Col. Edwin John Prittie should be most heartily commended for the splendid service he and his officers and men are giving to our organization, by their sacrifice of time and money to equip and maintain their companies. I most heartily recommend that all Departments give this feature careful consideration and wherever possible that Reserve Companies be organized.

One of the criticisms often directed against our organization is the wearing of uniforms, especially the many and varied kinds. We are not a military organization and therefore should not wear uniforms except as provided in our Constitution and Regulations. Article V of the Constitution provides for a Military Department known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Chapter IV of the Regulations definitely states how the Reserve shall be organized and maintained, and also describes the uniform, which conforms to the one worn by the Soldiers of the Union Army of 1861-1865. In other words, as a hereditary organization of men who served in the Union Army we would be perpetuating the uniform typical of those days.

Let us obey the Constitution and Regulations and discard all uniforms except the one prescribed. Then when we turn out we will not be criticized, but rather be given praise as have the Reserve in Pennsylvania.

We have declared our approval and support of an adequate Army and Navy, the Reserve Officers Training Corps, the National Guard and Citizens Military Training Camps. Our own Laws give us the opportunity to have some of these units in our own ranks by organizing the Reserve. Again let me commend this feature for your earnest consideration, and suggest also that the time is coming when we should give consideration to paying, as part of our Encampment expense, some of the necessary outlay required to have a proper and efficient escort to the G. A. R. in their parade.

COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES.

The report of this Committee becomes a part of the Officers' Report. I direct your attention to the very worthwhile work of this Committee, one in keeping with our objects, and one that brings great credit to our organization because of the character of the work.

Chairman Charles R. Hale has freely given many years to this work and has been the means of encouraging others to do so. A perusal of his report will show the thoroughness and fine results of his efforts. He is doing a real job and should receive our highest commendation. Brother Hale is ready at all times to assist Department Committees in planning their work.

During the year he has advocated the soliciting of aid from the various Commonwealths in projects being done under F.E.R.A. supervision. With the rapidly depleting ranks of the G. A. R. it is very important that the records of soldiers' graves be properly recorded

and marked. I recommend the continuation of this most necessary committee.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

It was not my privilege to make many trips in company with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, because of his illness and the conditions which face men of his age. This condition will prevail more and more as the years go on and a greater responsibility will therefore rest upon our officers to function independently in carrying on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic. Let us be ready to loyally stand by and grant all their requests, so that we may have their commendation, and they will feel that in their Sons they have an organization that will maintain their good name and carry on the ideals for which they have stood.

These splendid men with whom we have been privileged to associate and serve in the past are not able to function as in days gone by, but the spirit they manifest in their loyalty to their organization and each other can well be emulated by us. Sadness comes over us each year as we see the dwindling of their ranks as they assemble in Department and National Encampments.

Commander-in-Chief Stacey's message to our organization in the November Banner had the right ring and put the issue squarely up to us. I could not, however, agree with the idea that Comrade Stacey advocated at some of the Department Encampments that pensions be paid to the surviving Confederate soldiers.

OUR AUXILIARY.

The outstanding service rendered by the National President, Sister Gertrude M. Sautter, not only to her organization but also to ours, is deserving of the highest commendation, and she is entitled to our sincere gratitude. She has given unstintedly of her time and strength in traveling to every Department, urging the continued interest and co-operation of Camps and Auxiliaries. No Commander-in-Chief ever had a more capable, energetic or enthusiastic co-worker than have I.

The Auxiliaries—our helpers—have kept their faith in us when often we have wavered, and they really can be credited with having saved many of our Camps from losing their interest in our work. As the Woman's Relief Corps has been the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, so our Auxiliary has been our staunch ally and supporter, and more than ever do we need them as we face the future. I know they will not fail us.

May all the splendid achievements that they have had in the past be continued and may their future be crowned with even greater success.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The Woman's Relief Corps chose as their leader Mrs. Lizetta S. Coady, of Detroit, Michigan, a fine, motherly woman, one whom it is always a pleasure to meet. She radiated sunshine wherever she went and displayed a great interest in our welfare as well as that of the Grand Army of the Republic, whom her organization is pledged to serve. It is most encouraging to see the new phases of work being taken up by the Woman's Relief Corps, especially in interesting the young by the forming of Junior Corps.

We extend our sincere thanks for all the work they have done for our fathers in the past and hope that we too may have their co-operation and assistance in the future in any worthwhile work we undertake. They have our sincere wishes for continued prosperity.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS.

Imbued with the same spirit and desire to honor their fathers as we do, there should be real sisterly and brotherly affection and interest in the work in which we are engaged. How they have administered to the care and love of the Comrades is evident on every hand. Mrs. Matilda D. Roberts of Gary, Indiana, has been a most capable and efficient officer, and I was happy for the occasions in which we had the opportunity of meeting, particularly so at Washington, D. C., where it was my pleasure to visit the permanent headquarters of the Daughters of Union Veterans, dedicated to the G. A. R. I extend thanks to Sister Roberts for the hospitality and courtesies shown me by her and by her sister members on the various occasions it was my pleasure to meet with them. May success follow the endeavors of our sisters and may we strengthen the bonds of fraternity that bind us together in honoring our fathers and carrying on their ideals.

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Mrs. Pearl C. Cooke, Chicago, Illinois, certainly has been a most aggressive and enthusiastic leader of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. It has been a pleasure to have known and been associated with Mrs. Cooke and to have had the opportunity of meeting with her on many occasions. She has loyally advocated the principles of her organization and has extended many courtesies to me that are greatly appreciated. The interest of her organization in our work has been evidenced and I feel that a greater co-operation should exist between us. May the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic be successful in all their future endeavors.

IN MEMORIAM.

An organization that has been in existence for over fifty years naturally has in its membership many who have lived more than the allotted span of life. As we scan the reports of the losses we have had in our membership, we are forcibly reminded of the large number that are from death. All Departments annually pay tribute to their departed, and the Commandery-in-Chief will do the same.

Our organization sustained a great loss by the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Theodore C. Cazeau, who was taken from our midst December 23, 1934. He inspired all with whom he came in contact, with the earnestness and enthusiasm of his efforts in the work of our organization. We shall miss him from our circles.

Not often are we called upon to report the loss of a sitting Department Commander, but such was the case in Nebraska when Commander Dr. C. A. Phillips died suddenly on March 15, 1935. It was a great loss to the Department, but the Brothers responded nobly to carry on the work he enjoyed.

Firmly embedded in the hearts of their Brothers and honorably recorded are the names of those who answered the final roll call. To their memory, and in condolence to those left behind, we pause in silent respect and in contemplation of their good lives. Let us be thankful that we were privileged to know them and pledge ourselves to draw a little closer in the bonds of Fraternity in carrying on the work in which they were interested.

OFFICIAL FAMILY.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief William Allan Dyer, while a very busy man has given the organization splendid service. He is an advocate of real effort for the high purposes of our organization and knows the value of publicity which he seeks for advancing the in-

terests of our organization. I am grateful to Brother Dyer for the hospitality extended by him when I visited Syracuse and for the opportunity of contact with members of the two Camps there, whom he invited to his home to meet with me. In 1932, as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I recommended that some definite work be assigned to the subordinate officers, and with that thought in mind Brother Dyer was asked to assume charge of the Eastern Region comprising New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. He accepted the assignment and made contact with the officers of the above Departments. He had a conference in New York with representatives of all the Departments except Maryland, and as a result a friendly competitive contest for a gain in membership was started.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief William J. Hickox has been active in the interests of the organization. When the Rochester Encampment directed the incoming Commander-in-Chief to relieve or remove the present officers of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, and to convene the old Department Council and have an election of new Department officers, I assigned the task to Brother Hickox. He accepted and before he returned to his home in California he stopped at Denver, Colorado, carried out my instructions, convened the old Council, held a new election and installed the officers, thus ending what looked like a difficult task. My sincere thanks for this response to duty and its fulfillment is hereby extended. Likewise I appreciate the co-operation given by the members of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming in settling the matter so promptly.

The Council-in-Chief has given serious consideration to the welfare of our organization and its financial standing and were cognizant of the duties involving upon them in relation to The Banner contract. Accordingly a meeting was held at Philadelphia on February 9, at which all members of the Council-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer Hammcr and myself were present. Noting our continued losses, with its decrease in our income, it was agreed that strict economy must be maintained. As one means of accomplishing this it was decided that the April and June issues of The Banner be dispensed with, and no doubt the Council-in-Chief will have some recommendation to offer relative to The Banner. The members have also given service in their respective Departments that merit commendation.

National Patriotic Instructor Charles D. Donaldson has been a most efficient officer and has done far more than the duties of his office called for. It was most unfortunate that Brother Donaldson suffered a severe heart attack, but we are happy that he recovered from it and our hopes are for a permanent recovery. Although his illness caused the slowing down of his splendid activity, his interest never lessened. I am extremely grateful to him for agreeing to solicit from the Department Patriotic Instructors a fund for the placing of a bronze tablet at Grand Rapids, Michigan, as a tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A man of splendid ability, interest and enthusiasm, I was indeed most fortunate in my choice of this officer, and have greatly enjoyed my association with him.

National Chaplain Arthur M. Soule has brought to the office a long-time active and sincere member of our organization. I was most happy to confer this office on a real New Englander, a Past Department Commander of Maine, living in Rhode Island, where he gave service to that Department and lately having been called to a church in Massachusetts where he will continue his interest in the work. It has been with extreme pleasure that I had the opportunity of having an old time friend carry on the duties of this office and render

to me and the organization such loyal service. He, too, has been required to undergo a surgical operation made necessary by complications, but we hope he will soon be in full vigor of health, able to carry on his varied duties in life.

National Counselor Michael G. Heintz, Esq., completed the trio of my appointees and he, like the other two, underwent a hospital experience. I was very fortunate in having such a very capable, interested and loyal member become a part of my official family and my advisor. While several matters arose that looked like troublesome ones, Brother Heintz was able to smooth them over without any action being necessary. His interest in national affairs, in the Constitution of the United States, in the Grand Army of the Republic, and in State and local affairs, shows the character and caliber of the man who has honored our organization in the office of Counselor.

Last, yes but most important, has been the service of National Secretary-Treasurer Horace H. Hammer. I have always admired this real Son of a Union Veteran, and happy to have had his friendship. It was always pleasant to hear the praises bestowed upon him by my predecessors, but now I know more intimately his real worth to our organization. Without his keen interest in the work, his prompt and efficient attention to all his duties, we surely would have suffered greater losses than we have. His constant interest in the welfare of our organization has inspired me in my efforts and his co-operation and kindly advice has largely contributed in making my year a happy one. Words cannot express the esteem I have for Horace, and we as an organization cannot estimate the value of his service to us. It would be a severe loss if we should lose the services of Brother Hammer, especially in this trying time in the history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

FINANCES.

I am not competent to analyze financial situations, but as we read the report of the Treasurer of our financial condition, we will agree that it is not one to be proud of. Careful and serious attention must be paid to this and steps taken to put our organization on a firm and sound basis. I realized that it was necessary to maintain strict economy and my expense account shows I used only three-fourths of the allowance granted me by the budget.

There are some suggestions offered that we reduce our per capita tax. I certainly hope this will not happen. Rather may I suggest that we keep our per capita tax as now, and that we place a portion of it aside, some to be put in a permanent fund and some in an organization and historical marker fund. A recommendation covering this matter will be presented.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

In appointing the Legislative Committee I had in mind the placing on it of members affiliated with our organization who lived in Washington, D. C., but belonged mostly to other Departments than Maryland. This was no reflection of the men who had previously done effective work from the Maryland Department. Accordingly I received the consent of Brother Charles Curtis of the Department of Kansas, Past Department Commander Theodore C. Little of Washington, and Major General A. A. Fries of Washington, D. C., to serve, and the Committee will undoubtedly submit a report. No legislation affecting the G. A. R. was presented to require the attention of the Committee.

There is a matter that needs action, however, and that is to ratify the action of the Commander-in-Chief in signing the Constitution of

the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies, which organization we voted to become a part of at the Fifty-first Annual Encampment at Springfield, Illinois. Without discussing this at length, I refer to the proceedings of that Encampment, pp. 108-109, containing the report of the Resolution Committee and the action of the Encampment.

Endeavoring to interpret the provision for carrying out this proposition I detailed Past Commander Theodore C. Little to represent our organization at the annual meeting held in Washington, D. C., in December, 1934, which he did. Brothers Curtis and Fries were also present as active members of the society.

The purposes of this American Coalition are in keeping with many of the plans of the Committee on Program and Policy, and it might properly become part of their work, and I would so suggest.

HISTORICAL MARKING OR MEMORIALS.

The Committee on Program and Policy advocated and recommended the matter of historical markings and suggested that under direction of the Commander-in-Chief the National Patriotic Instructor should take charge of these matters. It has always been a matter of regret that our organization did not follow the custom of the allied bodies of the G. A. R. in leaving some tribute or memorial at the place of annual Encampments. I therefore thought the present was the time to put this matter into execution and requested the National Patriotic Instructor, Brother Donaldson, to solicit the Department Patriotic Instructors to raise a fund so that we might place a tribute to the G. A. R. at Grand Rapids. The response was slow at first, but with added requests for contributions from my Aides and others, enough money has been donated to assure the placing of a bronze tablet. I hope that some money will be left which will be turned over as a nucleus of a fund to continue this custom. To Brother Donaldson and all who assisted I extend my sincere thanks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are presented because there seems to be need for some changes in our Regulations. These suggestions are the outcome of discussions I have heard and which I have had with members of the organization who are vitally interested in its future. Some changes will also be necessary to meet the plans being made by the Committee on Program and Policy. If you concur in the recommendation that a committee be appointed to revise our Constitution and Regulations, some of these recommendations can properly be referred to them.

No. 1. That a committee of five be appointed to revise the Constitution and Regulations, said committee to report at the next Encampment, but not necessarily being required to complete their task by that time.

This recommendation is made because of many changes and suspensions that have been made from time to time and which have not seemed to help or improve our condition as many of our present methods are patterned after those of the G. A. R., but should be revised to meet present day requirements.

The committee could be made up of one from five different Departments, these members thus appointed could pick five members from his Department to act with him in suggesting changes that should be made, as well as having a school of instruction to study our Laws so that other members could offer suggestions.

No. 2. That Membership-at-Large shall be authorized by this

Encampment, giving Departments the right to regulate the conditions upon which such members shall be admitted; this to become a part of Article VII of the Constitution.

No. 3. That Article VII, Section 3 of the Constitution be amended whereby Departments be allowed to consist of five or more Camps, but with a minimum membership of two hundred and fifty members.

No. 4. That Article III, Section 2 of Chapter I of the Regulations be amended by striking out all references to the admission to business sessions of Camps all organizations except the G. A. R.

This recommendation is submitted because of information received that the admission of members of the allied organizations has not proven a successful adventure.

No. 5. I recommend that the per capita tax remain thirty-six cents per year and that one-sixth of said tax be laid aside—one-half to be placed in a permanent fund and the other half into an organization and historical marker fund to be used as directed by the Commander-in-Chief.

No. 6. I recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to transfer the two Camps in Oklahoma, now a part of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming to the Department of Kansas.

Because a previous Encampment had placed the two Oklahoma Camps in the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, it is necessary for action by this Encampment to authorize the transfer.

CONCLUSION.

The fulfillment of my promise that I would serve you to the best of my ability has meant sacrifice of time and money gladly given, and I would be lacking in appreciation if I did not acknowledge the services rendered by others to me in carrying out my duties.

First, in my home where an invalid mother and a devoted sister, proud of the honor that you had bestowed upon me, made sacrifices to enable me to give attention to the work and to be away from the home fireside. I often left home much concerned but always confident of the devotion of Sister in the care of Mother in my absence.

I desire also to acknowledge the ready assent and willingness of the Manager and Superintendent of Ginn and Company, my employers, to arrange business affairs that I might be away from the office, as I was for ten weeks, in order to carry on the duties of the position, and they expressed themselves as greatly pleased at the honor that had been conferred on one of their associates.

Then as I commenced to realize the immense amount of correspondence that required my attention and wondered what to do, I found a good friend, a devoted member of our sister organization, ready and happy to sacrifice her time to help me and our organization. Past National President Nina A. Littlefield, of the Daughters of Union Veterans, offered me the complete facilities of her typewriting establishment and gave to me the experience gained in her long years of secretarial service to the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and her own organization. No one can realize the debt I owe for her very valuable assistance. Almost two thousand letters have passed through her office in my work.

The officers of the Massachusetts Department offered me the facilities of their Headquarters, and I was greatly pleased for the opportunity it gave me to hold conferences there. To Past Department Commander Ralph Smith, Department Commander Thomas Crawford,

and Department Secretary Leon Palmer I express my sincere thanks for their thoughtful kindness and appreciation.

To Past Commander-in-Chief Homan, Past Department Commanders Addison Quinn and Harry Weiler, my Personal and Special Aides, I owe a great deal for their cordial co-operation, sincere interest and willingness to discuss and advise with me problems that I encountered, and to perform any task I assigned to them, either to write letters or make visitations with or for me. While really a part of my official family, they were more than that, they were my ever sincere friends and pals.

It is these associations and sacrifices from various sources that have kept me going and made my year interesting and happy.

Then, too, I am most thankful that He who watches over and guides us, protected me from illness throughout the busy year and my long journeys.

This ends my report. It has been rather a lengthy one but is only one-third of what was first drafted. I have tried to tell you of some of my work and observations.

If I have served you with credit and my services have been of benefit to the organization I shall be content.

I am deeply grateful to the members of the Commandery-in-Chief for the great honor conferred and confidence placed in me at Rochester. Words cannot express my gratefulness to the members of the Massachusetts Department for the faith they had in my ability to serve as Commander-in-Chief, and their efforts in my behalf. To the members of the Sons and Auxiliary who have been so interested in my success and for their expressions of regard, I return heartfelt thanks. It will always bring pleasant memories of my year of work. If my efforts have come up to the expectations of my home folks I shall be happy.

The experience I have had during my term of office has meant much to me, and my life will be the richer because of the associations and friendships I have formed. I prize them highly and hope I shall always prove worthy of their continuance.

With the close of the Encampment my official duties as Commander-in-Chief will cease, but my interest will continue. I pledge my support and efforts to my successor and to the organization which has bestowed its highest honor upon me.

May we all look hopefully to the future, and be ready to co-operate with our leaders in building a large and worthwhile organization.

Hope lies not in what we've done,
But in the work we've just begun.

Cordially and fraternally submitted,

FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,
Commander-in-Chief.

The report was enthusiastically received by the membership.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I move the remainder of the Reports of Officers be submitted to the Committee on Officers' Reports without reading, together with the report just read. (Motion seconded by Past Department Commander Coen of Illinois. Carried).

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I present the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, the Na

national Secretary-Treasurer, the National Patriotic Instructor, the National Chaplain, the National Counselor, all of which were referred.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Syracuse, N. Y., August 21, 1935.

Frank L. Kirchgassner, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Dear Commander-in-Chief:

In accordance with custom I am submitting herewith my report as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Such reports must under the conditions of our Order be more or less perfunctory, for the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders have little or no official duty except in an emergency, and beside the latter, only such as may be assigned to them.

Of my official activities, the Commander-in-Chief requested that the Senior Vice Commander this year act in a sort of supervisory character with the Departments of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, and suggested that a joint meeting of the Officials of these Departments be held. The first available opportunity for holding such a meeting was April 6th, and it was held in historic City Hall in New York City, at our New York Department Headquarters.

There were present representatives from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; the first two being represented by their respective Department Commanders and Department Secretaries, as well as by several others, and the Pennsylvania Department by Past Commander-in-Chief Titus Ruch. No response to letters sent to the Maryland Department were received, and no representative from that Department was present at the Conference.

A full day was devoted to discussions of matters of mutual interest to the three Departments, a session being held both morning and afternoon. It was unanimously agreed that in the success of the local Camps lies the strength of our Order. If they have a full membership, alert and alive, the whole Order will be strong. If they are weak, the Order suffers.

In view of the serious deterioration in membership in Camps for the past seven or eight years, with a consequent weakening of interest, it was decided the most important work ahead of us was the recruiting of membership in the various local Camps. It was decided, therefore, to suggest to the four Departments that an inter-Department contest for members be inaugurated; the contest to start at once and continue to September. Circulars were sent out to each Department signed by each Department Commander and Chairman of each Department Program Committee. Each Department was to be responsible for its own result; and any increase in membership was to be based on the official record of membership as of March 31st. Copies of these Circulars were sent to you, as well as a report of the meeting.

The success of such a movement depends upon properly organizing it. We shall not expect too much from this one, for we were painfully aware that we were without means—financial or otherwise—to properly organize it. Much could be done along these lines with efficient advertising and proper publicity, and with careful organization. Whatever may be the result in this case, it will be because of the devoted work of volunteer members, willing to spend their own time and money, as well as originate their own advertising materials if any, and their own methods of publicity.

Nothing is at hand, provided by the National Organization, and nothing could be supplied. At least, whatever the result, we make acknowledgment with pleasure of the efforts of those who have been willing to work.

Your Senior Vice Commander, at your request, represented the National Order at the Lincoln Day dinner of the Rochester, N. Y., Abraham Lincoln Association of Rochester, in February.

Outside of official calls, the work done by the Senior Vice Commander has been confined principally to visits made, as has always been his custom, with Camps and Organizations, in and about New York State, such as attending and speaking at the annual Mother's Day exercises at Oxford Home; the exercises at Grant's Tomb in New York City on Grant's birthday; representing the Order at G. A. R. night with the American Legion; broadcasting over the national hook-up on Navy Day, October 27th; installing officers in several Camps; assisting in trying to revive other Camps; speaking at the Veterans night dinner of Lafayette Camp in November in New York City—our largest Camp; assisting in the decoration of graves of Civil War Veterans at Oakwood in Syracuse, N. Y., and conducting the exercises there on Memorial Day, etc., etc. Nothing that deserves special mention, only those things that each loyal son of a Veteran should do.

It was a matter of much personal pleasure for the Senior Vice Commander to entertain the Commander-in-Chief on October 28th, at his home in Syracuse, N. Y., to arrange to have a number of the Sons residing in and about Syracuse spend an evening with the Commander-in-Chief, and give all present an opportunity to exchange views with our Commanding Officer.

Recognizing the difficult task you have faced this year, with a much depleted treasury, lack of resources, and disturbed conditions, and worst of all, with a weakened interest, the writer is glad to congratulate you on your devoted interest and thoughtful care, given for the good of the Order, and regrets that circumstances have been such that he could not have been of greater help to you in your serious task. The will to be helpful has always been present.

It is too bad that we are not stronger organized in numbers and in personnel. It is the writer's feeling, with the conditions that now obtain and the definite lack of interest of many of our ablest members—facts that we cannot blink our eyes at—that we ought not, indeed cannot, plan too many or too complicated activities, with any hope of success.

Our Departments and local Camps vary so much in numbers, in personnel, and in willingness to be active, as to make it difficult if not impossible, to formulate and carry into effect a broad and general program now. We shall do well to concentrate on doing one or two things well, in which it will be possible for the weakest Camp to participate and taste the joy of success. And when that is done, go to the next.

Can we agree on what one (or two) things are the most important, and unite in doing them? As to that one thing (or two) the writer has no pride of opinion. But we all know what we are organized for, to perpetuate the memory of our fathers who fought that this Nation might live as a Nation, and to forever carry on our Memorial Day, and the other days, which keep in our minds and those of other generations this one thing.

If we do this job well, we shall amply justify our existence as an

Order. If we attempt too much, and scatter our efforts, we shall be "just another patriotic organization."

Expressing a deep personal regard for you, and my best wishes to you and yours,

I am, cordially yours,

WM. ALLAN DYER,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Stockton, California, August 3, 1935.

To Frank L. Kirchgassner, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Dear Commander and Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith to you, and through you to the members of the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, my report as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

In the beginning allow me to thank you and the members of the Fifty-third Annual Encampment, held in the City of Rochester, for the very great honor conferred upon me and my Department in electing me to the high office which I now hold. I have at all times wherever possible tried to advance the principles and interests of our beloved Order.

On my way home from our last Encampment I stopped over at Denver for a week and straightened out the little misunderstanding which they had there in the Colorado & Wyoming Department. I installed their Department Officers, and when I left things looked good for the year. I expect that Departments will show a good gain under the able leadership of their Department Commander, Brother Meyers.

I have visited most of the Camps wherever possible in my Department and attended the District Meetings and also the Mid-Winter meeting held in Los Angeles, besides many other meetings held by the various orders of the Grand Army Family.

The National President of our Auxiliary, Sister Gertrude M. Sautter, visited our Department in March and I had the honor of helping to institute a new Auxiliary in Stockton in her honor. She is a wonderful woman and a great booster for the Sons. I wish that we had many more women like her.

I had the honor to represent you at our Department Encampment held in Modesto. We had a fine Encampment and we regretted very much your inability to be present. However we realized that the distance and expense was too great for you to attend and we knew that you were with us in spirit if not in person. Next year we will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our Department and we are going to try and double our membership in honor of the event. We have organized for action and taken in a number of new members already, and we hope to reach our goal.

Owing to the great size of the state we have divided our Department into two Districts. We have elected District Officers and we hold meetings in each District every three months. At the meetings various matters of importance to our Order are brought up and discussed, and acted upon, and plans laid out for our growth and advancement. These meetings are well attended and they bring us closer together and much good results from them. There is always

a good degree team on hand to initiate any candidates which the various Camps or Auxiliaries may bring with them. The work is always well put on without the use of a ritual and the candidates receive a good impression of our Order. This is a big help to the smaller Camps and Auxiliaries who do not have a degree team. We have a wonderful initiation ceremony when it is well put on, but nothing discourages a candidate more than having the initiation put on in a careless and indifferent manner, and the work half done. If the work is well done it cannot fail to impress the candidate and he feels that he has joined something worth while; he goes home and tries to interest his friends in our Order.

I would recommend that each Department try and have these District meetings and I feel that they would be a great help to them. Time and space will not permit me to go further into this matter.

It has been a pleasure for me to serve with you during the past year and it will always bring to my mind many happy recollections. I know that you are going to have a wonderful Encampment. I feel that the depression which we have all been passing through is at last beginning to lift and that we are going forward again.

I have assisted at the funerals of five Comrades this year and our local Post has only five members left, only two of which are able to be out and attend meetings. The other three are bedfast and are expected to pass on at any time. This forcibly reminds us of how swiftly our dear old Comrades are passing to the other shore, and how soon their work will fall entirely on our shoulders. Let us strive to be fully prepared so that when that time does come we will prove ourselves worthy sons of noble sires, and ever keep our beloved Country free from Radicalism and Communism, and hand it down to our Sons the way we received it from our fathers.

In closing let me again express my thanks for the honor of serving during your fine administration, and assure you that I will do all in my power to make your Encampment a success, which I am sure it will be.

Very respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,

WM. J. HICKOX,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., September 1, 1935.

Frank L. Kirchgassner, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Following report of the transactions and returns to this office is presented:

Conditions make it imperative that our membership be increased. The last gain in members was in the 1923-24 term. An intensive campaign for members should be inaugurated. More attention to Camps should be given that a revival of interest and activities will ensue; many now are not functioning and do not hold meetings.

In too many Departments Officers are lax in their duties, in initiative, interest, disregard the Regulations; they are especially negligent in correspondence, do not contact Camps and Camp Officers, make few if any visits to Camps—have no knowledge in some instances of their Camps—all of which connects with and is largely responsible for our losses.

These failures and omissions also apply to Camp Officers. Members discouraged, no incentive, purpose or object, no meetings, lose interest and are finally accounted for in the loss.

The Constitution specifies a Department is to consist of at least ten (10) Camps and two hundred and fifty (250) members. Attention has been called to this previously. The standing or Membership in Departments shows those not meeting the requirements.

Expenditures must be substantially reduced and strict economy observed. Receipts were less than estimated in the budget. Reinstatements, initiations and organization of New Camps did not materialize as anticipated for revenue to be derived therefrom. Disbursements were under the amount authorized and provided for.

FINANCIAL.

DR.:		CR.:	
Aug. 16, 1934, To Balance	\$ 420.98	By General Expenses	\$ 5,494.34
Received for:		Office Expenses	935.53
P. C. Tax	\$9,747.09	Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	866.76
Charter Fees ..	30.00	Expenditures	\$ 7,296.63
Supplies	1,489.06	Tax on checks .....	.26
Miscellaneous ..	25.05	Total Disbursements	\$ 7,296.89
Premium Bonds, Dept. Coms. .	30.00	To Balance	4,445.29
Total Receipts	\$11,321.20		
	\$11,742.18		\$11,742.18

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS.

Department:	Per Capita Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	Premium Bonds D. C.'s	Misc.	Total
Ala. & Tenn.	\$ 47.79	\$	\$ 3.83	\$	\$	\$ 51.62
Cal. & Pac.	215.51		93.46			308.97
Col. & Wyo.	91.71	5.00	26.39		.82	123.92
Connecticut .. .	501.75		57.76			559.51
Illinois	310.68	10.00	93.94			414.62
Indiana	302.04	10.00	58.19	2.50		372.73
Iowa	114.93		17.86	2.50	1.68	136.97
Kansas	142.38	5.00	29.22	2.50		179.10
Maine	389.43		66.63			456.06
Maryland	161.54		45.73	2.50		209.77
Massachusetts ...	1773.99		240.32			2014.31
Michigan	182.97		40.77	2.50	1.77	228.01
Minnesota	88.56		5.83			94.39
Missouri	100.53		14.12	2.50		117.15
Nebraska	63.54			2.50	8.39	74.43
New Hampshire .	276.21		41.78		.54	318.53
New Jersey	351.18		70.20	2.50		423.88
New York	1075.14		133.73	2.50	1.46	1212.83
Ohio	702.63		130.78	2.50		835.91
Oregon	76.77		16.53			93.30
Pennsylvania .. .	2150.01		170.79		1.14	2321.94
Rhode Island	132.48		36.28			168.76
Vermont	248.31		49.10	2.50	.25	300.16
Washington	39.29		13.81	2.50	9.00	64.60
Wisconsin	207.72		32.01			239.73
Total	\$9747.09	\$30.00	\$1489.06	\$30.00	\$25.05	\$11321.20

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:

For Supplies	\$ 618.05
The Banner, Sub. Sept. 1934-Aug. 1935, Inc.....	4022.85
Encampment, Printing Journals, 1934, Shipping.	431.32
Printing	35.88
Shipping Supplies	61.37
Bonds, Premium Dept. Coms. and Nat'l Officers...	57.50
Miscellaneous, Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief, Floral Designs	145.50
Officers (Council-in-Chief) except Com-in-Chief..	43.20
Committee Marking Graves	55.00
Committee Program and Policy	23.67
	<u>\$5494.34</u>

Offices Expenses:

Wrapping Paper and Twine	\$ 3.55
Postage	106.09
Express	2.53
Telegrams	4.95
Stationery National Officers	91.37
Rent	722.64
Miscellaneous	4.40
	<u>\$ 935.53</u>

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Postage	\$ 57.50
Telegrams	12.02
Traveling	719.24
Stenographer	67.00
Miscellaneous	11.00
	<u>\$ 866.76</u>

Total Expenditures\$7296.63

VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
1.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson,	Bonds National Officers,	
	(Maryland Casualty Co.)		\$ 27.50
2.	The Banner, Subscription, Sept. (27,780 copies).....		416.70
3-8.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent Oct.-Dec.....		180.66
4.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Seal Press		3.96
5.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies, Stationery		91.94
6.	The Banner, Stock, Printing, Com. Program and Policy..		67.44
7.	W. O. Flatt Co., Printing, Stationery		11.50
9.	W. C. Mabie, supplies		72.42
10.	The Banner, Sub. Oct. (27,651 copies), Nov. (27,374 copies)		825.38
11.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Sept.-Nov....		121.32
12.	The Robbins Co., Supplies, Badges		409.00
13.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies		30.00
14.	The Banner, Sub. Dec. (27,095 copies).....		406.42
15.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent January-March.....		180.66
16.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com-in-Chief, Miscl. Exp. a/c Dec...		33.24
17.	The Banner, Sub. January (27,102 copies).....		406.53
18.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c January		52.10
19.	The Banner, Sub. Feb. (26,496 copies, \$397.44), Printing, Shipping, etc., 53rd Encampment Journal of Proceed- ings to Depts. (\$428.12)		825.56
20.	W. C. Mabie, Stationery		2.50
21.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c February ...		94.40

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
22.	The Banner, Sub. March (26,312 copies)	.....	394.68
23.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, (Maryland Casualty Co.), Department Commander Bond	.....	2.50
24.	Frank C. Huston, Sec.-Treas., Federated Patriotic Soci- eties Affiliated with G. A. R.—Dues	.....	10.00
25.	K. F. Cramer, Council-in-Chief, Exp. Council-in-Chief Meeting	.....	21.20
26.	Geo. N. Bell, Coun.-in-Chief, Exp. Council-in-Chief Meeting	.....	10.00
27.	Julius Isaacs, Coun.-in-Chief, Exp. Coun.-in-Chief Meeting	.....	12.00
28.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent April-June, inc.....	.....	180.66
29.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c March	.....	193.70
30.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson (Maryland Casualty Co.), Department Commanders Bonds	.....	7.50
31.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c April	.....	48.95
32.	The Banner, Sub. May (26,103 copies, \$391.54), Re-entry P. O. Second Class, \$10.00; Com. Program and Policy, \$10.75	.....	412.29
33.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, (Maryland Casualty Co.), Department Commanders Bonds	.....	5.00
34.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c May.....	.....	149.33
35.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies, Stationery	.....	58.70
36.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Seal Press	.....	3.96
37.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, (Maryland Casualty Co.), Bonds Department Commanders	.....	10.00
38.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent July-September.....	.....	180.66
39.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c June.....	.....	162.34
40.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Bonds Dept. Commanders...	.....	5.00
41.	The Banner, Sub. July (25,813 copies).....	.....	387.19
42.	C. R. Hale, Chairman, Com. Marking Graves.....	.....	55.00
43.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c July.....	.....	21.88
44.	The Banner, Sub. Aug. (25,798 copies).....	.....	386.97
45.	G. A. Schlechter, Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief.....	.....	125.00
46.	H. H. Hammer, Nat'l Sec.-Treas., Exp. a/c Aug. 21, 1934- August, 1935	.....	192.89
Total			\$7296.63

STOCK AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Cost of supplies on hand July 31, 1934.....	\$3464.04
Supplies purchased	618.05
To account for	\$4082.09
On hand July 31, 1935	3067.03
Sold	\$1015.06
To amount received on Requisitions.....	\$1489.06
Cost of supplies sold	\$1015.06
Shipping	61.37
Wrapping paper and twine	3.55
To National Officers	8.93
Express on supplies received	2.53
Total cost of supplies sold	\$1091.44
Profit	\$ 397.62
Charged off obsolete Forms 43, 44, 50, 51.....	19.89
Net profit from supply account.....	\$ 377.73

It is a repetition to state that Departments carry very small quantity of supplies and a number none, unable to fill Camp requisitions until same are received from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. This causes complaint from Camps. All Departments should have a sufficient stock of supplies to at least fill a reasonable order from Camps. One Department ordered no supplies during the year.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENTS—GAINS, LOSSES.

Department:	No. in Good Standing June 30th:		1935		Gain		Loss	
	1934	1935	1934	1935	Cps.	Mb.	Cps.	Mb.
Ala. & Tenn.....	15	250	5	68			10	182
Cal. & Pac.....	19	569	20	600	1	31		
Col. & Wyo.	11	245	12	258	1	13		
Connecticut ..	32	1480	31	1373			1	107
Illinois ..	29	884	26	892		8	3	
Indiana ...	28	785	30	918	2	133		
Iowa ...	17	347	17	296				51
Kansas ...	20	380	21	409	1	29		
Maine ...	37	1176	37	1050				126
Maryland	14	473	11	392			3	81
Massachusetts ..	125	5111	125	4852				259
Michigan ...	21	540	18	514			3	26
Minnesota ...	10	256	10	232				24
Missouri	10	301	10	274				27
Nebraska ...	13	250	8	179			5	71
New Hampshire	23	768	23	758				10
New Jersey	26	1053	26	943				110
New York	83	3099	84	2939	1			160
Ohio ...	73	2170	69	1864			4	306
Oregon ...	7	190	8	212	1	22		
Pennsylvania ..	115	6474	113	5649			2	825
Rhode Island	16	385	16	358				17
Vermont	25	706	25	665				41
Washington ...	10	147	5	143			5	4
Wisconsin ...	17	579	17	580		1		
Total ..	796	28618	767	26418	7	237	36	2437

RECAPITULATION.

	Camps	Members
Number in Good Standing June 30, 1934.....	796	28618
Gain—		
By Organization and Initiation	10	1362
Transfer		54
Reinstatement ..	13	613
Total Gain	23	2029
Aggregate ..	819	30647
Loss—		
By Disbanded	10	72
Death		580
Honorable Discharge		171
Transfer ..		33
Suspended ..	22	329
Dropped ...	20	3044
Total Loss	52	4229
Number in Good Standing, June 30, 1935.....	767	26418

Amount in Department Treasuries	\$ 5,006.26
(Two show deficits)	
Amount in Camp Treasuries	50,151.42
Amount Expended for Relief	23,764.19
Number Members or their families relieved	495
Number Veterans or their families relieved	35

NEW CAMPS INSTITUTED.

New Camps were organized in Departments as follows:

Department:	No. Camp Applications	No. Applicants	No. Camps Organized	No. Charter Members
Colo. & Wyo.	1	15	1	15
Illinois ...	2	70	2	63
Indiana	2	75	2	75
Kansas ...	1	44	1	41
Total	6	204	6	194

Decrease from last term four (4) Camps, ninety-five (95) members.

HIGHEST MEMBERSHIP AND GREATEST NUMBER OF CAMPS IN DEPARTMENTS.

The highest number of Camps and members, peak of Camps and Membership, in the respective Departments last thirty years 1906-1935, inclusive, follows:

Department:	Date	No. Camps	No. Members
Ala. & Tenn.	June 30, 1927	15	338
Cal. & Pac.	Dec. 31, 1921	32	1579
Col. & Wyo.	June 30, 1930	26	607
Connecticut	June 30, 1924	42	2529
Illinois	June 30, 1917	71	3001
Indiana	March 31, 1924	32	2374
Iowa	March 31, 1930	35	1085
Kansas	March 31, 1918	51	1652
Maine	June 30, 1917	51	2431
Maryland	March 31, 1916	19	719
Massachusetts	June 30, 1924	149	9490
Michigan	Sept. 30, 1917	34	1269
Minnesota	June 30, 1908	24	706
Missouri	June 30, 1913	26	994
Nebraska	June 30, 1921	20	738
New Hampshire	June 30, 1910	37	1314
New Jersey	June 30, 1917	40	1972
New York	June 30, 1914	177	7162
Ohio	June 30, 1917	111	5366
Oregon	Sept. 30, 1929	12	416
Pennsylvania	Sept. 30, 1916	230	14890
Rhode Island	March 31, 1925	16	689
Vermont	Sept. 30, 1924	37	1267
Washington	June 30, 1923	21	943
Wisconsin	June 30, 1917	64	1821

THE BANNER.

It is superfluous to emphasize that The Banner is a valuable asset. It is a great benefit and help in reaching members, to interest them and secure their services for the benefit of Camps and the Order.

Through the co-operation and assistance of Editor Holbrook results are frequently obtained, usual methods not effective. We are obligated to him and to the efficient staff of The Banner as they are always at our service and helpful in many respects.

OUR AUXILIARY.

The active interest of National President Gertrude M. Sautter of our Auxiliary demonstrated the value of assistance that Order is to us. Always urging and inspiring Auxiliaries "to look after" and assist Camps needing such attention, due to her example and personal efforts Camps and several Departments materially profited, saved from disbanding. The Auxiliary is a reliable help when needed and is commended to our membership.

It is a pleasure to record that cordial relations and helpfulness in mutual interests prevail with our Affiliated Orders.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE—MILITARY FEATURE.

As an incentive for the younger members of the Order it is suggested that more attention and interest be given this feature. It should exist in every Department. The Grand Army of the Republic has signally honored our Order in bestowing upon it the designated duty as its "Official Escort"—at Department and National Encampments. This escort is to consist of a certain number of uniformed (and armed where not prohibited by law). The uniform is prescribed by our Regulations. There can be no question as to the patriotism and inspiration of such escort when demonstrated as it has been at several recent Encampments.

CONCLUSION.

Your many courtesies, approval of the conduct of affairs in this department is acknowledged with due appreciation.

Your concern for and the welfare, interest in the various Departments and Camps, encouragement for the upbuilding, all to carry on in the successful functioning of the Order, personal urging of many members, created a cordial and kindly sentiment towards you, with a warm friendship and appreciation of your earnest desire for benefit to all, of your service and a high personal regard. My tribute testifies thereto.

To you, the National Officers also for courtesies and the pleasant association every good wish is tendered.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Of the National Secretary-Treasurer, 54th Encampment.

CR.:	DR.:
Sept. 12, 1935, To Balance. \$4445.29	By General Expenses . . . \$3834.57
Rec'd Re. Camp, Dept.	Office Expenses 11.23
Ohio (June Qr.) 5.00	Com-in-Chief's Expenses.. 32.38
Total Receipts \$4450.29	Total Expenditures . . . \$3878.18
	Sept. 12, 1935, Balance. 572.11
	\$4450.29

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:		
The Banner, Sub. Sept. (25,725 copies, \$384.79),		
Re-entry P. O. (Aug., \$10.00)	\$ 394.79	
Encampment	778.02	
Salaries	2400.00	
Officers, other than Com-in-Chief and Nat'l Sec..	13.26	
Committee on Program and Policy	248.50	
		\$3834.57
Office Expenses:		
Postage, Telegrams, Miscellaneous	11.23	
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:		
Postage, Telegrams, Traveling, Stenographer.....	32.38	
Total Expenditures		\$3878.18

VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
47.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Sept. (\$32.38),	Encampment (\$75.80)	\$ 108.18
48.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Encampment...		31.39
49.	W. J. Hickox, Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Encampment.....		50.00
50.	K. F. Cramer, Council-in-Chief, Encampment.....		73.21
51.	George N. Bell, Council-in-Chief, Encampment.....		73.48
52.	Julius Isaacs, Council-in-Chief, Encampment.....		73.48
53.	C. D. Donaldson, Nat. Pat. Inst., Postage (\$8.61), En-	campment (\$15.96)	24.57
54.	Arthur M. Soule, Nat. Chaplain, Postage (\$4.65), Encamp-	ment (\$53.80)	58.45
55.	M. G. Heintz, Nat. Counselor, Encampment.....		17.45
56.	R. F. Locke, Committee Program and Policy.....		248.50
57.	The Banner, Sub. Sept. (\$394.79), Officers' Reports, etc.,	Encampment (\$122.20)	516.99
58.	F. L. Kirchgassner, Com.-in-Chief, Encampment		12.50
59.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Encampment (\$103.85),	Salary on a/c (\$2400), Postage, Telegrams, Miscel-	
	laneous (\$11.23)		2515.08
60.	M. K. Wakefield, Stenographic Report, Encampment.....		75.00
	Total Vouchers		\$3878.18

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

215 Hudson St., Eau Claire, Wisconsin, August 3, 1935.

Frank L. Kirchgassner, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report together with a summary of the consolidated report of the several Department Patriotic Instructors. Insufficient funds prevent the publication of the

complete consolidated report. It will be exhibited at the Encampment.

Reports have been received from the Department Patriotic Instructors of all of the twenty-five Departments. I thank you most heartily for helping to establish this 100% record.

The following Departments made reports on the Old Form: Colorado & Wyoming, Iowa, Kansas and Massachusetts. The Department of Washington had two Camps, Spokane Camp No. 2 and Lincoln Camp No. 16, that sent their Camp reports to Brother A. G. Colvin and he sent them to me with a letter of explanation that he had just been installed Department Patriotic Instructor on June 10th. During the year I have tried to get some kind of communication from Department Commander Isham but I have not succeeded in getting even a whisper. I have made up a report from these two Camps and it appears in my consolidated report. The Department Patriotic Instructors of the Departments of Colorado & Wyoming, Iowa, Kansas, and Massachusetts have been repeatedly informed that the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor must be made this year on the New Form. I sent a New Form to each Department Patriotic Instructor in April and for the Department of Washington it was sent to Department Commander Isham with the request that he send it to his Department Patriotic Instructor. In spite of all these urgings and admonitions the Departments named above, four of them, made the report on the Old Form. I have one report from Colorado & Wyoming, three from Iowa, one from Kansas, and two from Massachusetts on the Old Form. I have made up as much of a report as I could from the data given to me in the reports on the Old Form and I am sorry that those four Departments do not show up better than they do in the consolidated report. Past Department Patriotic Instructor, Brother W. L. Anderson, Massachusetts, writes: "The Camp reports were on the old form blanks so that my report is also on the old blank for information required on the new was not at hand." To use the information given me in the reports on the Old Form would necessitate my making another extended consolidated report just for those Departments that have sent in their reports on the Old Form. I did not feel that I should do so but I have used all of the data that I could from the reports on the Old Form.

A few of the other Departments have had their troubles with the Annual Report. Department Patriotic Instructor Durrell sent in three comprehensive reports which were received as follows: One on the Old Form, June 7th; two on the New Form, July 10th and 16th. So New York has a good showing in the consolidated report. Alabama & Tennessee sent in two reports: One sent by Brother C. W. Jackman, Past Department Patriotic Instructor, and which was received June 8th; another sent in by Brother E. W. Blossom, Department Patriotic Instructor, and which was received August 2, 1935. Both of these reports were on the New Form. Brother Blossom also sent me a copy of his report and several Camp reports which will be returned to him soon. The Department of Maryland played safe by sending in the report as follows: Past Department Patriotic Instructor H. Turner Lewis sent in his report on the New Form and it was received on June 25th; Department Patriotic Instructor John L. Bateman found an Old Form that had "Division" on it which he scratched out and placed "Dept." in its place and this was received on August 1, 1935. Massachusetts sent in two reports: One from Past Department Patriotic Instructor W. L. Anderson and another from Department Patriotic Instructor William F. Homan and they were both received July 29th and both were on the Old Form. All of the remaining De

Departments came through in fine shape except as to the number of Camps reporting in each Department which will be discussed later.

I have gone into the troubles that the Patriotic Instructors, Camp and Department, have with the Annual Report. The greater part of the trouble rises from two sources: 1. The election or appointment of the new Department Patriotic Instructor in many of the Departments comes in the spring and there is a misunderstanding as to which officer, the Past or the Present Patriotic Instructor, is to make the report. 2. I am convinced that a great deal of the trouble experienced by all officers who have anything to do with it rises out of a feeling that the whole business is not worth while. The first can be remedied by having the term of office of the Patriotic Instructors in the Departments coincide with the term of office of the Patriotic Instructors in the Camps. The second condition can be remedied by having each member who assumes any office in the Order feel that he has "to get on the job."

The per cent of Camps reporting to their Department Patriotic Instructor is as follows:

100%—Alabama & Tennessee and Wisconsin.....	2
92%—New York	1
80% to 90%—Rhode Island, 88%; New Hampshire, 87%; Missouri, 80%	3
70% to 79%—New Jersey, 73%; Nebraska, 71%; California & Pacific, 70%	3
60% to 69%—Michigan, 67%; Connecticut, 65%; Maine, 63%.....	3
50% to 59%—Massachusetts, 58%; Oregon, 57%; Vermont, 55%; Pennsylvania, 51%	4
40% to 49%—Minnesota, 40%; Ohio, 40%.....	2
30% to 39%—Indiana, 38%; Illinois, 37%; Kansas, 33%; and Maryland, 33%	4
Departments using the Old Form or that did not give the data:	
Colorado & Wyoming, Iowa, and Washington	3
Total	25

SUMMARY OF THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

1. Discourtesies to our Flag, etc.
Departments—18: None. 3: discourtesies reported; handled satisfactorily. 4: Old Form—no data.
2. Patriotic Programs. (In schools).
Departments—25: Yes. Excellent answers from all.
3. Days Programs held and Days observed.
Departments—24: Excellent reports. 1: Blank—Ohio.
4. Flags presented, etc.
Departments—Schools: 17: Several to 227. 6: None. 1: Blank—Maine. Churches: 7: 1 to 498. 14: None. 4: Blank—Connecticut, Maine, Michigan and Nebraska. Other: 6: 1 to 6. 8: None. 11: Blank—Colorado & Wyoming, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.
5. Memorial Day Programs, etc.
Departments—22: Yes. 2: Schools closed. 1: No. All reported.

6. Schools and Churches visited, etc.
Departments—22: Yes, 3 to 1,585. 1: Don't know—Cal. & Pac.
2: Blank—Conn. and Neb.
7. What was accomplished, etc.?
Departments—16: Positive good. 5: Blank or the same as blank
—Ind., Me., N. H., N. J. and Ohio. 4: Old Form—no data.
8. Number of pupils participating, etc.
Departments—23: 100 to 2,200,000. 2: "Unknown" or "Don't
know"—Ala. & Tenn. and Wash. All reported.
9. Laws on Flag and Pledge.
Departments—a. 23: Yes, with S. C. 3: No, with Florida.
b. 12: Yes. 13: No. All reported.
10. Number of Patriotic Programs. (In Camp).
Departments—21: 3 to "thousands." 4: Old Form—no data.
11. Program sponsored in Camp?
Departments—a. 18: 4 to 280. 3: No number given. 4: Old Form
—no data. b. 19: Musical, public, patriotic, historical, social, and
radio. 2: Blank—Me. and N. H. 4: Old Form—no data.
12. Special activities closing same
Departments—9: Music, refreshments, pledge of allegiance, public
reception, singing of "America" and other national airs, bugle
calls, and talks. 4: None or "not reported." 8: Blank—Conn.,
Me., Md., Mich., Mo., N. H., Ore. and Vt. 4: Old Form—no data.
13. Camps attending Memorial Sunday Services and Memorial Day
Program.
Departments—a. 21: 25 to 1,373. 4: Old Form—no data.
b. 19: 20 to 1,910. 2: Blank—Conn. and Neb. 4: Old Form—no
data.
14. Number of Sons making Memorial Day addresses, etc.
Departments—a. 9: given in full. 6: partially given. 5: not
given. 1: "unknown." 4: Old Form—no data.

CHURCHES:

1. Number displaying Flag.
Departments—18: 6 to 3,000; some inside and some outside. 4: in-
definite. 3: "Do not know;" "All;" "Not known."
2. Number of Flags presented to Churches, etc.
Departments—12: 1 to 498. 10: None. 3: "Unknown;" "Not
known;" "None needed."
3. Number of Churches, etc., visited by the Patriotic Instructor, etc.
Departments—19: 3 to 118. 2: None. 2: "Not reported but
many;" "Not given." 2: Blank—Neb. and Ore.

GENERAL:

1. Number of Special Programs for the Grand Army Members, etc.
Departments—24: 2 to 180. 1: None—Ala. Tenn.
2. Number of Patriotic Programs to which the public was invited?
Departments—24: 2 to 256. 1: "All"—Nebraska. All reported.
3. Number of Monuments, Memorial Tablets, etc. (Served by your
Camp).

- Departments—20: 3 to 9,969. 5: "Can't say;" "Do not know;" "Too many to count;" "Unknown;" "Several hundred."
4. Number of New Memorials, Tablets, etc., erected during the year? Departments—15: 1 to 56. 9: None. 1: "Unknown."

I take great delight in calling attention to the following reports from Department Patriotic Instructors which I found supplementing the regular report:

Brother E. W. Blossom, Alabama & Tennessee: "Received your last circular letter under date of July 22, and in reply to your query, 'What is the matter with the Department Patriotic Instructors?' would say if the rest of them are anything like myself they have probably been so busy trying to make enough money to keep themselves and their families off relief rolls, that they have not a sufficient amount of time to give to anything else."

Brother W. E. Lilley, California & Pacific: "This is the best report that we have had in many years; all Camps reporting are very active and our Order is growing rapidly."

Brother Charles J. Watrouse, Illinois: "The Sons are very lax about presenting flags to the schools. Most of that work is being done by the Daughters. That is as far as this Department is concerned. It is not a record to be very proud of."

Brother Wm. H. Ball, Indiana: "The most notable events in this Department were the District meetings held at the request of the Department Commander. I, working through the District Aides, arranged for the meetings, date, etc. They were well attended and did good throughout the Department. In bringing the membership closer together they were a great means of education in the objects of our Order."

Brother W. L. Anderson, Massachusetts: "It has been my duty to involve myself in as much patriotic work as possible in carrying out the idea of protecting America *today* as our fathers did in '61 to '65." (A sentence from his report to his Department).

Brother William F. Homan, Massachusetts, in writing about the "Grave Marking Committee:" "They are doing some fine work in locating the graves of the Civil War Veterans and are marking the graves with stones furnished by the War Department."

Brother Irving Best, Minnesota: "Brother Charles F. Martin, Minneapolis Camp No. 8, was Chairman of a "Living Flag Committee" which, at the request of the Grand Army of the Republic, presented a living flag in the Memorial Day parade at Minneapolis."

Brother Amos L. Lockwood, New Hampshire: "Have made several visitations to different Camps since May 30th and they inform me that the Brothers turned out better this year than ever."

Brother Harry Lowe, New Jersey: "On Sunday, May 12, Department Commander Harry Meisel and I paid a visit to the Soldiers' Home at Vineland, New Jersey, and we took a small gift to the seven Veterans, to one Veteran's wife, and to fifty-eight Veterans' widows who are at the home."

Brother Percy B. Durrell, New York: "The state of American public opinion is wonderfully patriotic whenever you cause people to pause and reflect. It is our mission to secure that pause and use it sufficiently when secured. Our views and ideals are worthy."

Brother Frank S. Reavey, Rhode Island: "We performed our duty on Memorial Day and some of us gave up the entire day to the various exercises and we were complimented by our Comrades."

Brother G. A. Laduke, Vermont: "In regard to the number of Memorial Tablets, Monuments, etc., served by the members of the Department this year, would say this designation is quite misleading as I believe the Camp Patriotic Instructors did not understand that this means graves of Veterans as well as public Monuments and Memorials or Tablets, so a very few have reported the number of graves that were decorated, and I would suggest that this part of the report of the Patriotic Instructor be made more clear."

Brother Everett Pettitt, Patriotic Instructor of L. H. D. Crane Camp No. 16, Beloit, Wisconsin: "A year ago before Memorial Day, at a committee meeting with representatives of all the patriotic orders in our little city, we planned to give two beautiful silk flags to the two schools where the children could win them. One was for the highest percentage in the parade and the other was for the best line and order. These flags had to be won two years in succession in order to own them. This was very successful last year and better this year. One school owns one flag now and also holds the other one." (Quoted by the Patriotic Instructor of the Department of Wisconsin as probably the best supplementary report from any Camp in his Department).

If you will just read the above quoted excerpts you will get an excellent cross-section of the obligatory activities of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In regard to the questions in our New Form No. 50 and our New Form No. 51 I am of the opinion that they should be left as they are for another year. It takes a little time to get used to what is required in making out a report. It is true that some of the questions are a little ambiguous but they can be cleared up at the Encampment or through "The Banner."

I wish to call attention to the following:

1. Change the term of office of the Department Patriotic Instructors so the term will coincide with the term of office of Camp Patriotic Instructors.
2. Let the questions in the reports of the Patriotic Instructors remain the same for another year at least.
3. Enforce the penalty of failing to make required reports.
4. Encourage District Meetings.
5. Plan picnics and other social events for the affiliated societies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
6. Remember and visit the Civil War Veteran while he is yet with us.
7. Let every member and officer pledge himself that he will answer promptly all letters received by him.

During my term of office I have not done as much as I felt that I was going to do when the Commander-in-Chief conferred the high honor upon me by inviting me to become one of his official family last August at Rochester. As the poet might have said but didn't say it exactly this way:

Words could not tell how bright and gay
The year's events before me lay.
Then glorious visions, which now to speak,
Would bring the blood into my cheek,
Passed o'er me.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL

DEPARTMENT.	No. of Camps in Good Standing.	No. of Camps Reporting.	No. Brothers in Good Standing.	No. Attending the Memorial Sunday Services.	No. Participating in Memorial Day Program.	No. Camps Furnishing Firing Squads.	No. Addresses by Sons of Union Veterans.	No. Cemeteries Covered by Sons.	TOTAL FLAGS PLACED.	A. Civil War Veterans.
Alabama & Tennessee....	8	8	110	200	175	2	10	60	38100	36300
California & Pacific.....	20	13	458	129	228	8	12	33	22719	3714
Colorado & Wyoming	†	†	142	47	52	†	6	19	3163	3163
Connecticut	32	21	785	295	405	8	43	230	13122	12022
Illinois	25	17	803	236	323	10	97	58	11325	9738
Indiana	29	11	458	129	203	4	24	85	6955	1552
Iowa	16	11	223	88	129	6	11	51	6701	5623
Kansas	21	6	409	44	54	2	2	23	2814	2334
Maine	37	22	777	268	432	10	19	197	8430	8167
Maryland	12	5	276	89	147	4	8	34	1873	1818
Massachusetts	125	71	4916	1105	1668	33	121	543	38085	35220
Michigan	20	11	274	94	146	7	12	51	8340	7453
Minnesota	10	10	236	200	60	5	4	24	5782	3281
Missouri	9	4	122	37	28	2	26	46	2840	2730
Nebraska	7	5	114	†	†	1	†	9	1500	†
New Hampshire	23	19	649	257	340	10	18	177	7620	7467
New Jersey	26	15	966	263	316	10	19	192	8636	8065
New York	81	44	1903	740	1048	18	109	394	33349	33349
Ohio	68	30	1152	437	567	15	28	297	21388	19847
Oregon	8	8	212	66	90	2	17	59	1879	1798
Pennsylvania	114	57	3887	1538	1827	46	180	649	52416	46773
Rhode Island	16	8	211	128	82	5	10	48	5787	5787
Vermont	25	15	433	166	229	6	6	135	3950	2549
Washington	5	5	98	41	49	No	5	16	1959	1949
Wisconsin	17	13	481	180	173	4	7	112	5745	4642
Total	754	429	20095	6777	8603	218	794	3542	314478	265381

†—No figures given because old blank forms were used and these questions
 ‡—Reported "nearly all" makes it difficult to record on such information.
 †—Figures should have been given but for some reason were not on the report.
 *—5 yes; 6 no; 13 no answer.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN—1935.

DEPARTMENT.	No. of Camps in Good Standing.	No. of Camps Reporting.	No. Brothers in Good Standing.	No. Attending the Memorial Sunday Services.	No. Participating in Memorial Day Program.	No. Camps Furnishing Firings Squads.	No. Addresses by Sons of Union Veterans.	No. Cemeteries Covered by Sons.	TOTAL FLAGS PLACED.	A. Civil War Veterans.	B. Other Veterans.	No. Markers Placed on Graves of Civil War Veterans.	No. Graves Given Special Attention.	No. Deaths of Camp Members.	No. Funerals Attended or Conducted. TOTAL.	A. Civil War Veterans.	B. Camp Members.	C. Members of Allied Organizations.	No. Camps Observing Union Defenders Day.	No. Camps Having Committee on Marking Vets. Graves.	Has the Department a Committee on Marking Veterans Graves?
Alabama & Tennessee....	8	8	110	200	175	2	10	60	38100	36300	1770	10	5	1	6	5	1	0	4	2	No
California & Pacific.....	20	13	458	129	228	8	12	33	22719	3714	3650	303	112	12	67	50	12	15	9	8	†
Colorado & Wyoming....	†	†	142	47	52	†	6	19	3163	3163	0	10	12	7	33	21	5	7	0	†	†
Connecticut.....	32	21	785	295	405	8	43	230	13122	12022	1100	60	1036	26	26	15	23	2	12	14	Yes
Illinois.....	25	17	803	236	323	10	97	58	11325	9738	1587	9	9	9	45	38	7	8	12	10	Yes
Indiana.....	29	11	458	129	203	4	24	85	6955	1552	59	42	55	22	58	32	8	16	6	6	†
Iowa.....	16	11	223	88	129	6	11	51	6701	5623	1078	3546	0	4	16	10	3	3	16	†	†
Kansas.....	21	6	409	44	54	2	2	23	2814	2334	480	41	8	2	20	15	2	3	2	†	No
Maine.....	37	22	777	268	432	10	19	197	8430	8167	263	55	43	12	28	16	12	0	14	15	No
Maryland.....	12	5	276	89	147	4	8	34	1873	1818	55	1	0	8	26	19	7	0	5	4	Yes
Massachusetts.....	125	71	4916	1105	1668	33	121	543	38085	35220	2238	8654	778	80	141	54	70	17	41	†	†
Michigan.....	20	11	274	94	146	7	12	51	8340	7453	847	25	690	12	26	21	5	0	7	6	Yes
Minnesota.....	10	10	236	200	60	5	4	24	5782	3281	2501	0	50	1	2	2	0	0	4	1	No
Missouri.....	9	4	122	37	28	2	26	46	2840	2730	110	12	150	4	15	7	6	2	3	2	†
Nebraska.....	7	5	114	†	†	1	†	9	1500	†	†	1000	1000	3	5	4	1	0	3	0	0
New Hampshire.....	23	19	649	257	340	10	18	177	7620	7467	153	44	31	18	23	13	4	9	0	†	†
New Jersey.....	26	15	966	263	316	10	19	192	8636	8065	1511	674	20	19	33	15	22	3	9	12	No
New York.....	81	44	1903	740	1048	18	109	394	33349	33349	†	263	84	51	124	117	7	0	38	8	†
Ohio.....	68	30	1152	437	567	15	28	297	21388	19847	1541	94	42	42	120	79	24	16	17	22	Yes
Oregon.....	8	8	212	66	90	2	17	59	1879	1798	81	42	486	6	30	12	7	11	4	†	†
Pennsylvania.....	114	57	3887	1538	1827	46	180	649	52416	46773	5643	1832	1255	118	178	78	97	3	41	40	†
Rhode Island.....	16	8	211	128	82	5	10	48	5787	5787	0	0	20	9	7	10	7	3	4	†	†
Vermont.....	25	15	433	166	229	6	6	135	3950	2549	401	14	28	7	18	11	5	2	7	10	No
Washington.....	5	5	98	41	49	No	5	16	1959	1949	10	1	20	2	17	10	2	2	2	2	No
Wisconsin.....	17	13	481	180	178	4	7	112	5745	4642	688	156	385	12	29	13	8	4	9	10	†
Total.....	754	429	20095	6777	8603	218	794	3542	314478	265381	25766	16388	6319	487	1093	667	345	126	269	164	*

†—No figures given because old blank forms were used and these questions were not on the blank.

‡—Reported "nearly all" makes it difficult to record on such information.

†—Figures should have been given but for some reason were not on the report blank.

*—5 yes; 6 no; 12 no answer.

Yes, I felt equal to any task and I started in with all the fervor of youth inspired in a new and holy cause. But "Man proposes and God disposes." Still I can say as the poet did say:

I've tried the world. It wears no more
The coloring of romance it wore.
But well has nature kept the truth
She promised to my earliest youth;
The radiant beauty spread abroad
On all the glorious works of God,
Show freshly to my sobered eye,
Each charm it wore in days gone by.

And now, Commander-in-Chief, the official ties that have held us in a common work during the past year will soon be dissolved but you will always hold me to you by those greater ties that have come into our hearts through giving ourselves to the great and glorious work of doing our best for the upbuilding of our beloved Order. I have been accorded a wonderful privilege and I thank you for the honor conferred upon me personally and for the honor conferred upon my Department and upon my Camp.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

C. D. DONALDSON,

National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Taunton, Mass., July 12, 1935.

Frank L. Kirchgassner, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Dear Commander-in-Chief:

As National Chaplain it is my privilege and pleasure to submit my report for the fiscal year. Like my predecessors in office I have found that the hardest task attached to this office is the getting of the reports from the several Departments to make up the consolidated report which I now submit as a part of this report.

It would be a simple matter if Camp Chaplains within forty-eight hours after Memorial Day would send in reports to Department Chaplains, then within a few days the Department reports could be forwarded to the National Chaplain. The request goes out from National headquarters for Departments to have their reports in the hands of the several National officers to whom they are due by June 20th, but sad to relate, this year up to that time only two reports were received by me.

The first to report was the Department of Nebraska, their report being received in my office June 6th. A good deal of correspondence is required to hasten the sending of the reports, and even then it is the last minute before the reports are in and ready for consolidation for the use of the printer.

I suspect that some of the trouble attached to the making of reports is due to the fact that Department headquarters in sending out blank form No. 3 to the Department Chaplains, for him to make out his consolidated report, send it to an official appointed in some cases just before or just after Memorial Day. In that event unless the retiring Chaplain makes out the report, or is careful to see that his

successor has the material from which to make the report, it is plain to be seen there is apt to be a delay in attending to the same. Then, as previously suggested in this report, the Department Chaplains are bothered by some Camp Chaplains who seem to think that the report from the Camp is not of much value. If every officer and member could see the need of these reports there would be greater promptness in submitting them.

These reports measure the work of the organization, therefore it is important that every Camp should report what it is doing along the lines indicated by the questions on the blank form. I realize that since the World War much of the work done by many Camps has been taken over in whole or in part by the Spanish-American War, or the World War Veterans, thus it can be seen how important it is for us to not only do all the work we can, and see to it that the same is reported, so that we can show what we are doing in the direction of living up to our principles and obligations, even though other organizations are sharing in the work we once did in larger measure because of different circumstances that then faced us.

It seems to me we should be more exacting. I believe the old method of Camps and Department headquarters inspections should be revived, and ratings given for the work being done, including the sending in of the required reports to Department and National headquarters. Such a method I believe would go a long way toward increasing the efficiency and promptness in all Departments of our work.

I had hoped during the year to visit all of the New England Departments, and possibly some others in the East at their Encampments, but two hospital experiences during the year prevented me from carrying out my plans. I have, however, enjoyed my correspondence with officers and members of several Departments, and the privilege of communicating with the membership at large through The Banner letters has been a joy to me, and I hope of some help and interest to others.

With sadness we record the deaths of one Past Commander-in-Chief, one Department Commander, and nine Past Department Commanders. "They have finished their earthly labors, and our memory of them shall ever be pleasant." May they find still further opportunities for spiritual service in the Life Beyond, where sooner or later we shall all be summoned. An appropriate memorial service for these, and other Department members of our Order, will be held in conjunction with that of our National Auxiliary at Grand Rapids, with the co-operation of their National Chaplain, Mrs. Mildred N. Peters, Lansing, Michigan.

IN MEMORIAM.

October 10, 1934—Wm. H. Good, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

December 21, 1934—John B. Ripley, Past Department Commander, Vermont.

November 18, 1934—Jefferson B. Hershey, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

December 23, 1934—Theodore C. Cazeau, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.

March 10, 1935—Henry M. Austin, Past Department Commander, Alabama & Tennessee.

March 15, 1935—C. A. Phillips, Department Commander, Nebraska.

May 22, 1935—Walter Penney, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

June 17, 1935—Wm. T. Shrieve, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

July 9, 1935—Col. Dudley Purbeck, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

1935—Orray T. Mason, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island.

1935—John McCurdy, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island.

In closing my report permit me to express appreciation for the high honor conferred upon me by calling me to serve as your National Chaplain, and for courtesies extended by you as Commander-in-Chief and by members of our organization; particularly at the Rhode Island Encampment as I was then a resident of that State, and of the Department of Maine where my membership still remains, and this Encampment I was also able to attend and was courteously received. My association with you, Commander, through the years we have belonged to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been of pleasure and profit to me, socially and fraternally. My hope is that I may have contributed, even though in a small way, to the welfare of the Order, and to the accumulated joys and blessings that have come to you by reason of your loyal and devoted service to the organization, both as an individual and in an official capacity.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

(REV.) ARTHUR M. SOULE,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Cincinnati, Ohio, August 15, 1935.

To Frank L. Kirchgassner, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The duties of the National Counselor during the past year have not been burdensome. Most matters which have been brought to our attention, have pertained to individuals or Camps and did not come under the jurisdiction of the National Counselor. In all such cases we called attention to Section 8, Article 5, Chapter 3, of the Constitution and Regulations, which make the National Counselor the legal advisor of the Commander-in-Chief, and of the Commandery-in-Chief. Section 8, Article 5, Chapter 2, makes the Department Counselor the legal advisor of the Department Commander and of the Department. If this division of authority is observed by our members, a great deal of unnecessary correspondence will be avoided.

While the National Counselor is made the advisor of the Commander-in-Chief in legal matters, it is only natural that his advice and judgment should be called for by the Commander-in-Chief on matters of policy and the like. It has been a pleasure to work with Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner, in this way, whenever called upon to do so. His good judgment and wise discretion have in large measure, reduced the tasks of this office to a minimum and account for the brevity of this report.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

MICHAEL G. HEINTZ,
National Counselor.

CITY'S OFFICIAL WELCOME.

Mr. C. Sophus Johnson, City Manager of Grand Rapids, was announced, escorted into the Encampment, and introduced to the membership; he spoke as follows:

City Manager C. Sophus Johnson: Commander-in-Chief and Friends, in the absence of the Mayor who has been unfortunately called away on business, it is my privilege and honor to extend to you a cordial welcome to the city of Grand Rapids. I sincerely trust that your stay here will be a happy and pleasant one.

You know, I feel that I should welcome you back home for the reason that eight years ago your convention met here in this city. The Grand Army and affiliated families have met here many times and we feel that they really should call this their home, and so I welcome you back home. We entertain a lot of conventions, but this is the Convention of Conventions that we all look forward to. You know when the Grand Army of the Republic come back here, when they parade down our streets, it makes the red blood in your veins run fast.

We are proud of our city. It is a city of homes and churches and every citizen joins me in welcoming you. Grand Rapids is the great furniture center of the nation; it is the gateway of the playground of the nation; it is called the unconventional Convention City of America.

I realize that a lot of you men have come here in your own cars. Traffic rules are difficult. We want you to have a good time and if you do get into trouble, anything short of murder, maybe I can help you out.

We have built a million and a half dollar auditorium for your benefit. We had so many conventions that we had to have it. We are doing our best to show you a good time. We hope you like it here so well that you will come back often, and if you don't have a good time it will be your own fault. Come back as many times as you want to. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Eight years ago when we were here a member of my own Department was your Commander-in-Chief, and he will respond to these greetings, Past Commander-in-Chief Homan.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: City Manager Johnson, Brothers of the Encampment, it is very easy to see, after these splendid remarks, why Mr. Johnson has been made Manager of this city. Grand Rapids seems to have a way of adapting itself to situations. The last time we were here it was so warm that all the women had to go out and buy these Hoover dresses to wear. And now this time we find you have air-cooled rooms for us. Mr. Johnson offers us the freedom of the city. He says if we get into trouble, anything short of murder, he might be able to help us out. Our organization has the reputation of being one of the cleanest groups that meet in conventions. There is no drunkenness and no rowdiness, and the managers of the hotels where we have stayed always tell us they were glad to have us and want us to come back again. We appreciate the greetings you have extended to us and we are glad to be here. We know that no home is happy without furniture and you have presented us with these little chairs to take home with us, and I am sure they will remind us of the hospitality that the City of Grand Rapids extends to all our patriotic orders and to the Grand Army of the Republic. And,

we appreciate what you are doing to make our stay comfortable and pleasant.

I am a dentist by profession and I recall a picture I once saw of a dentist standing in his office with his drill in his hand and looking out of the window, where, outside there was a street worker working with one of those big air drills. The title of the picture is "Jealous." This morning I was awakened by a loud noise and looking out, I saw these men working on the streets with these big air drills. So that, we know the City of Grand Rapids is doing all it can for our convenience, and for the convenience of our fathers in the parade tomorrow. I thank you for all your kind words and we know if we live long enough we may be back here again. (Guide escorted guest from the hall).

The roll of Departments was called for the receipt of resolutions and communications to be referred to various committees.

Communications, letters and telegrams were read from:

LaCrosse, Kansas, Sept. 7, 1935.

Convey to the Commander-in-Chief, and to all the brethren my warmest felicitations, and earnest wishes for a successful meeting. Especially convey to the other "has-beens," the Past Commanders-in-Chief, my cordial greetings, and express to them my regret that I cannot renew at this time our friendship and what has always been our most happy relations. Finally as the oldest living Past Commander-in-Chief, I bestow upon you all my benediction and God-speed in your work.

Fraternally,

W. H. RUSSELL,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 9, 1935.

Fraternal greetings to Encampment. Regret official business in Tulsa precludes me from attending. Mailing my report. Hope importance of virile Camp programs to attract youth will be stressed. America needs living patriotism as never before. Our organization was born for this day. May we accept the challenge.

THEODORE H. LITTLE,
Chairman, Legislative Committee.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 8, 1935.

Regret cannot attend Encampment. Kindest regards to all.

WILLIAM L. ANDERSON.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 10, 1935.

Greetings to you, and your Organization, from the 8th Army Corps Veterans National Association, the survivors of the Philippine and China Expeditions of 1898-1902. We are organized to uphold the Constitution, fight Communism, to perpetuate the memories of Philippine services, where we—and many members of the Sons of Union Veterans—were volunteers, and to assist all veterans, their widows and orphans.

Loyally yours,

GEORGE S. GEIS,
National Chief-of-Staff,
8th Army Corps Veterans Association.

E 347, Hines Hospital,
Hines, Illinois, Sept. 8, 1935.

I am sorry that I cannot be at Grand Rapids to help you run the Encampment, but I feel confident that with the help of the Commander-in-Chief, Past Commanders-in-Chief Sheldon, Grant, Church, Sautter, Horn, Holbrook, and perhaps Homan, Mabie and five or six more Past Commanders-in-Chief and about fifty or sixty Past Department Commanders, you will be able to have a very successful Encampment. Count me present in spirit if not in the flesh. Don't forget to send me a badge for my collection.

With best wishes for a successful Encampment, I remain,
Fraternally,

WILL F. JENKINS,
P. D. C., Illinois.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 9, 1935.

Dear Brothers:

I want to assure you that only my physical condition of recuperation from over a year of illness and operation, rendering me too nervous to stand the little excitement of a crowd, prevents my presence at this meeting.

I had hoped against hope that my condition might have improved to permit my attendance, but at this last moment it is positively forbidden by my physician.

I can, therefore, only wish you one and all "God speed," and trust that another year may find me able to be in my accustomed place with you, my friends and brothers.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

FREDERICK J. McMURTRIE,
Past Dept. Com., Michigan, 1894.

Telegrams to Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner, tendering best wishes for a successful Encampment, were also received and read from P. N. P. of the Auxiliary Margaret G. Palmer and P. D. C. Fannie W. Beaton of Massachusetts; Thomas A. Buckley, State Auditor of Massachusetts; P. D. C. James M. Hughes and Walter C. Winall, of Cincinnati, Ohio; P. D. C. Alfred Boyer and Kitty Boyer, of Dwight, Ill., and Miss Marcelle Blaicher, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: I received a very fine letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Major E. R. Campbell in response to a letter I sent out to all the Past Commanders-in-Chief urging them to attend this Encampment. I also received splendid letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Charles S. Sherman, Samuel S. Horn, and Edwin C. Ireland.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: I ask our Past Commanders-in-Chief present to come forward to be introduced. Their interest in the welfare of the organization has continued through the years and it is a pleasure to present to you Past Commanders-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon of New York, Ralph M. Grant of Connecticut, Frank Shellhouse of Indiana, Ernest W. Homan of Massachusetts, Walter C. Mabie of Pennsylvania, Allan S. Holbrook of Illinois, Frank C. Huston of Indiana, Titus M. Ruch of Pennsylvania, and Park F. Yengling of Ohio. (Past Commanders-in-Chief John E. Sautter of Pennsylvania and William T. Church of Illinois were not in the session when these introductions were being made).

Isn't it splendid, my brothers, that these brothers who have served you in the past are here today to serve you anew? One has gone from among them this past year, and although we held our Memorial Services last night, please rise in tribute to the memory of that splendid Past Commander-in-Chief, Theodore C. Cazeau of New York. I think Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon who is the dean of these men will say just a word in memory of our late Past Commander-in-Chief.

The members rose in silent tribute and then Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon spoke as follows:

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, it is very hard to be called upon to speak a word for a friend who has passed away, especially when you are not accustomed to doing it. Theodore C. Cazeau—probably known to most of you—to us of New York state, known by everyone. I do not think there was in any other Department one who had such enthusiasm, who was such a tireless worker as Theodore C. Cazeau. Peculiar. Yes, all of which can be explained now. But a no more loyal Son of a Union Veteran, a no more loyal friend of the Grand Army of the Republic ever lived than the Past Commander-in-Chief who has passed away. He could always be counted upon to do what he could as a member of the organization. A lovable character when you knew him. And, I know from my own experience that no one will be missed more in the State of New York than that wonderful man, Theodore C. Cazeau.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: We all agree with the sentiment expressed by Brother Sheldon.

National Secretary Hammer for the Credential Committee reported 202 accredited members on the roll.

Delegate Schultz of Ohio: I move we recess until two o'clock. (Motion seconded by Past Department Commander Coen of Illinois. Carried).

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 10, 1935.

The Second Session of the Encampment was called to order by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief William Allan Dyer in the absence of the Commander-in-Chief who was attending the Auxiliary Encampment to extend greetings and pay his respects to National President Mrs. Gertrude M. Sautter and her organization.

Delegate George H. Salisbury, New York: One of our Past Department Commanders, Will Moynihan, a great worker of Rochester, will be unable to be here and he wanted to be remembered to the members.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner assumed his station.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL PROPERTY—FLORIDA.

Council-in-Chief Julius Isaacs, New York: This is the report of the Committee appointed last year with reference to a donation of a plot of ground in Florida as a memorial to the Grand Army:

August 25, 1935.

To the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 10, 1935.

Dear Brothers:

The Committee appointed to report on the matter of accepting the offer of Mrs. Laura B. Prisk of New York, N. Y., of a plot of ground in Florida as Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, have had no further information given them other than the original letter sent to Commander-in-Chief Yengling.

Your Chairman has endeavored to obtain both by personal interview and correspondence something definite on this subject in order to render an intelligent report, but has met with no success.

We, therefore, report that it is our humble opinion that the plan is not a feasible one at this time and that we cannot accept same, that the donor be so notified and that the thanks of this Encampment be extended to Mrs. Laura B. Prisk for patriotic offer made.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

(Signed) JULIUS ISAACS, Chairman,
GEORGE N. BELL,
H. W. MARDEN.

Commander, I move the adoption of the report.

Delegate Salisbury, New York: I second the motion. (Motion carried).

FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES—PETITION G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter. Commander-in-Chief, may I have the floor on a matter of great importance? Action is necessary now. (Recognized and proceeds).

Some of the brothers have knowledge of conditions existing within the organization known as the Federated Patriotic Societies. I shall not go into any details as it will require too much time, and I don't believe any explanation is necessary just now. However, at the meeting last Sunday the condition was met by the appointment of a Committee by the National President of the Federation, consisting of a member of each of the four orders still members of the Federation. That Committee was to meet with a committee from the Grand Army of the Republic. We met yesterday morning with Past Commanders-in-Chief Willett and Martin. We had a friendly discussion with them and so far as we could determine—and it was a very difficult task to try to find out just what was lurking in their minds—it would be necessary for the four organizations composing the Federation to present resolutions to the Grand Army of the Republic asking for certain things which are entirely covered in the resolution I will read.

This same resolution is being presented in the Encampments of the Ladies of the Grand Army, the Woman's Relief Corps, and in our own Auxiliary. After its passage, it will then represent the act of the four Orders, members of the Federation, and will be presented for official action by the Grand Army of the Republic.

WHEREAS, There has been in existence, for sixteen years, an Organization known as "The Federated Patriotic Societies Allied with the Grand Army of the Republic," and,

WHEREAS, The membership of this Federation has consisted of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, The objects of the Federation as set forth in Article II of the printed By-Laws are:

"To promote, foster and support, in these United States of America, a true Americanism, love of Country, respect to the Flag, reverence for the spirit of our Institutions and obedience to the Constitution and laws of the land in which we live.

"To denounce and oppose in every way, any act which attempts to disrupt our Nation, weakens its Institutions, leads to disloyalty or tends to impair the great heritage handed down to us and secured by the services and sacrifices of our forefathers.

"To serve as a 'Clearing House of Patriotism' for the Allied Orders, that there may be a greater unity of purpose, harmony of methods and solidity of action in their service in the common cause as expressed in their Preamble, Principles and Objects."

and,

WHEREAS, This organization has never petitioned the Grand Army of the Republic that it be recognized as an organization bearing the name as above stated, and for the objects as hereinbefore stated; and,

WHEREAS, It is the belief of the present orders constituting the Federation that it could function more effectively with the sponsorship and blessing of the Grand Army of the Republic, in carrying out its stated objects and purposes, or, in such other form and for such other purposes as may eventuate from the adoption of this resolution; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we respectfully petition the Grand Army of the Republic in their Sixty-seventh Annual National Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to appoint a committee to meet with a committee which shall be composed of one member from each of the orders, members of the Federation, to carefully consider the above stated question, and such other questions as might develop in the deliberations of such joint committee.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I think before that motion is adopted it ought to have the very careful thought of this organization as to what its implication will result in in the form of a united federation. I take it that the federation will make a union of the four organizations, making a super body. Now, it might have a very serious effect on the hopes and expectations of the Sons of Union Veterans to succeed to the leadership of that united organization. I do not feel that I want to be opposed to the collaboration of these organizations, but I do stand for the Sons of Union Veterans as leaders of the work after the passing of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. It should be carefully considered, not by one Encampment, but laid on the table for the discussion of all the Departments and of all the Camps within the organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: There is no disagreement between Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dyer and myself in what he says. If I had the remotest idea that there might eventuate from this the thought which he expresses, I would oppose it to the limit.

We are members now of the Federation and will be members unless we withdraw. In the event of the adoption of this resolution, there is nothing that can bind us—it is merely providing for such a committee—because the action of a committee must of necessity be approved by this body in a future Encampment.

The thought he expresses is the very thought which makes necessary the thing we are driving at. There has been a misunderstood statement that from this federation would grow one body instead of four or five. There is no such thought in my mind and I am sure there is no such thought in the minds of the other members of the Committee. There is nothing in this resolution that in the future will take from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, their rights or their individuality.

May I assure you brothers that there is nothing in this resolution to bind these organizations to anything they are not now bound by. My brothers, it is our hope that from this will come a clarification of the very question that Brother Dyer refers to. There must not be a super-organization, and it wasn't the purpose of the Federation that such should be. But, regardless of what the other organizations do, the male side of this organization will always continue to function as an individual organization.

National Chaplain of the Grand Army, Comrade Bosworth of Kansas: I am a member of the Committee on Resolutions for the Grand Army and the subject may come before it, so I am very much interested in this subject.

I do not think there is any danger that any organization will be formed which will make one of the various organizations now existing. I believe they will always be continued as individual organizations. I do not think it would be best to make any change in that respect. I thought our present Commander-in-Chief was going to bring up this matter at the present Encampment. I was talking with

him and he said that there was one great difficulty in the way and that is that the Grand Army is an incorporated body and the methods of its constitution would make it very difficult for us to perform such a federation.

I do not think that the present Federation would answer and I think it has been shown in the meetings that the present Federation has not a democratic representation. It composed of the officers and past officers of the Federation, and the National Officers of the organizations. We come to our meetings; if the members are interested in the subject, they come in great numbers. I do not think this aristocratic organization will function and survive very long. It has to be democratic—an organization of members as well as officers—in my judgment, although I might not have the right judgment.

I say these things because I am now interested in helping to guide these matters. This resolution is to provide for the appointment of a committee from the various organizations to take up this matter, but not to have any definite action at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchagessner: If there is no further discussion, we will now vote upon the motion. (Motion carried).

(The action of the Encampment was certified and attested by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary and duly presented to the respective Orders).

FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The Greetings Committee from the Federation of Women's Clubs of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Evelyn M. Ronan and Mrs. Bernice Harrison, were escorted into the Encampment and introduced.

Mrs. Evelyn M. Ronan: Commander and members of this Encampment, I will read a poem:

An old man, going a lone highway,
 Came at the evening, cold and gray
 To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
 The old man crossed in the twilight dim.
 The sullen stream had no fear for him;
 But he turned when safe on the other side
 And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
 "You are wasting your strength with building here;
 Your journey will end with the ending day.
 You never will pass again this way;
 You've crossed the chasm deep and wide;
 Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head—
 "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
 "There followeth after me today
 A youth whose feet must pass this way.
 This chasm that has been naught to me
 To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
 He too must cross in the twilight dim—
 Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

Commander-in-Chief, a good many have come and gone since the bridge was built by your father organization for the sons that have followed after that day. And you, too, are building bridges for those who follow after. I deem it a pleasure to carry the greetings

of our organization to you. We sincerely hope you will have a pleasant convention; and when this Encampment closes and taps are sounded, we hope the memory of this Encampment will long remain with each one of you.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner thanked the committee for their greetings and asked Past Department Commander R. J. Gillespie of Michigan to respond.

Past Department Commander Gillespie, Michigan: Members of the Grand Rapids Federation of Women's Clubs, Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I have listened with a great deal of interest to the sentiment expressed, and carrying with it the heartfelt wishes from your organization to this organization. We appreciate and thank you for this message, and we hope your organization will prosper beyond what tongues can express.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES.

The Report of the Committee on Marking Graves, in printed form, was submitted to the Encampment. On motion by Secretary Hammer with second by Past Department Commander Gillespie, Michigan, the report was adopted.

Hartford, Conn., August 3, 1935.

Frank L. Kirchgassner, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I submit to you the report of the Committee on Marking Graves for the term 1934-1935. The November Banner carried an article entitled "Opportunity for Service as Well as Necessary Job" which seems to have created more interest than usual in the locating and marking graves of the Civil War Veterans, with the result that more Departments than in the past have become interested in this class of work. During the past year inquiries have been received from the Departments of New Jersey, Maine, Ohio, Nebraska, Missouri, New York, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Vermont, Oregon, Colorado, Indiana, and from individual Camps in almost every Department.

The work in the Departments which have Grave Marking Committees—Illinois, Michigan and Connecticut—has steadily gone forward and good progress has been made. The correspondence covers the subject of how to locate and mark graves, how to chart cemeteries, how to secure headstones, how to get soldiers records, laws relating to the care of soldiers graves, the setting of Government stones, and the using of the American Flag to decorate the graves of others than that of a soldier. However, the major part of the correspondence has been concerning the locating and charting of soldiers graves using funds provided by the F.E.R.A. This has been quite successful in several of the Departments. The weakness of this plan has been in getting some one to provide the necessary funds for papers, pencils, etc., as the F.E.R.A. only pays the labor cost of a project. In Connecticut, the State Library assumed this item of cost which in the last ten months amounted to \$1020.00.

However, I am glad to say that under the new set-up, the W.P.A. will pay the entire cost of the project, therefore, there is no real reason why any of our Departments should not apply at once to their State Director for approval of a plan to locate and mark all soldiers graves within their jurisdiction. In Connecticut we used eighty-four men in the set-up from September to January 15th. As a result of

their work we have the complete headstone inscriptions of the 2140 cemeteries in the State. It is estimated that there are, at least, one million and five hundred thousand inscriptions. Included in these inscriptions there are some in almost every language, even three being in Chinese.

Since January the force has consisted of about forty. These are divided into four groups of workers. One of these group's duty is the typing, another to separate the soldiers, one to copy the obituary notices from the old newspapers, and one to look up the owners of cemetery lots which have G. A. R. Markers on them, but nothing to indicate whom the markers are for. An example of the value of this work follows:

On August 1, 1934, in the Grove Street Cemetery, Putnam, Conn. in addition to our list of Civil War Veterans buried there we discovered the following:

- G. A. R. Marker on Finchen lot.
- G. A. R. Marker on Battey lot.
- G. A. R. Marker on Jerome Carpenter lot.
- G. A. R. Marker next to Lewin.
- G. A. R. Marker on Munyan lot.
- G. A. R. Marker on Perry lot.
- G. A. R. Marker next to Stratton lot.
- G. A. R. Marker in front of Value lot.
- G. A. R. Marker on J. Wilmot lot.

One man in that territory after his investigation made the following report:

- Re—G. A. R. Marker Finchen lot.
Finchen, Thomas, Co. H., 25th Mass., died March 20, 1917, aged 79.
- Re—G. A. R. Marker on Battey lot.
Dexter, Henry P., Co. G, 7th R. I. Inf., died November 27, 1893, aged 61.
- Re—G. A. R. Marker Jerome Carpenter lot.
Carpenter, William, Co. G, Conn. II. G., died November 1, 1893, aged 76.
- Re—G. A. R. Marker on Davis lot.
Davis, Ashabel S., Co. G, 1st Conn. Cav., died May 20, 1916, aged 73.
- Re—G. A. R. Marker next to Lewin.
Lewin, Alden, 18th Conn., died May 14, 1908.
- Re—G. A. R. Marker on Munyan lot.
Arnold, George E., Co. G, 18th Conn, died September 2, 1926, aged 82.
- Re—G. A. R. Marker on Perry lot.
Perry, David, Co. B, 3rd R. I. Inf., died May 29, 1900.
- Re—G. A. R. Marker next to Stratton lot.
Blanding, Francis J., Co. F, 10th Conn., died June 12, 1906.
- Re—G. A. R. Marker in front of Value lot.
Page, Alexander, U. S. Navy, died May 17, 1910.
- Re—G. A. R. Marker on J. Wilmot lot.
Paine, Thomas L., died September 21, 1929, aged 91.

Thus we have the complete list of the 227 Civil War Veterans buried in that cemetery. If it had not been for this survey, the names of the Veterans buried in these ten graves would have been lost as the G. A. R. Post has passed out of existence.

This work of marking graves has received favorable press notices in the newspapers from Maine to Oregon. In the July issue of The Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine there was a three page article on our work of locating and marking graves. For some years past we have been seeking some worthy object that would attract the attention of the public to our Order. If all of our Departments were engaged in this class of work could there be any doubt but that we would receive favorable press notices throughout the country, and such notices would be the means of bringing men to join us.

I wish to thank you, Commander, for the fine co-operation you have given the committee. I feel sure that a large share of the credit is due to you for the progress we have made.

Your committee feels, that with the increased interest which has been shown during the past year, the work should be continued for the coming year, and so recommends. The cost has been for typing and postage, \$55.00.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CHAS. R. HALE,
Chairman, Grave Marking Committee.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER HAUCK, MARYLAND.

Past Department Commander Michael Casey, Maryland, submitted a communication from the Department of Maryland regarding the status of Past Department Commander John F. Hauck of that Department. Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner referred the matter to National Counselor Heintz.

Comrade Bosworth, of Kansas was introduced.

Comrade Bosworth: Commander-in-Chief and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans, I have just been at the meeting of the Auxiliary. I helped organize the Auxiliary of Kansas and take every opportunity I can to call on them. I will be glad to do anything I can to help along the Sons. I am interested in the organization of the Sons in Kansas. I wish they would be stronger. It seems to me possible. We have individuals in Kansas, both U. S. Senators, a Past Vice President of the United States, all of them sons of Union Veterans, but they have taken little interest. Now, if such men could be reached it would be a wonderful strength to give to you. One great trouble, perhaps the greatest, is that so large a portion of our sons of Union Veterans were soldiers in more recent wars and, naturally, they are more interested in the organizations of the veterans of those wars than they are in the service of their fathers. Now, if it were possible to break into the rank and to get some of the leading men interested in the Sons of Union Veterans' organization, that would be of some help.

I am not one of the younger of the Grand Army. I am approaching the age of ninety-four years and I have said in a great many of these organizations, I expect when I reach the age of ninety-nine, to be a Commander-in-Chief; and always on every occasion that I have made this statement they have not only cheered me, but some of them

pledged to support me for that office when I reach that age. I am perfectly well and I don't see why I shouldn't have it.

I am glad to meet with you and will be glad if your resolution (relating to Federated Patriotic Societies) could be handed to our Committee before our meeting tomorrow evening. (Comrade Bosworth escorted out).

Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee reports supplementary—211 enrolled members; 18 Department Commanders, 66 Past Department Commanders, 11 Past Commanders-in-Chief, 1 Department, Washington, not represented.

COMMITTEE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

The Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was announced. The Committee, Sarah J. Ehrmann, Past National President, of New York; Alice M. James, Past Department President of Pennsylvania; Carrie Gailey, Past Department President of Idaho, and Muriel Weiser, Past Department President of Indiana, was escorted into the Encampment and introduced.

Past National President Sarah J. Ehrmann: Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Delegates, it is a great pleasure to bring the greetings of my organization—the Mother organization—to you, our sons. What does it mean, the word, Mother, and Son. Two of the greatest words outside of father; our Father organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, and then the Mothers and Sons. It isn't necessary to tell you boys that we love you, because you know we do. We are interested not only in you as an organization, but personally as well. And we bring you the love and greetings of our organization and wish for you a very happy, harmonious, and successful convention. National President, Sister Pearl C. Cooke, has asked me to present you this little gift with her sincere love and appreciation for all you have done for her this year. She has told our organization of the many little courtesies—of the many times that you have looked after her needs, and this little gift comes from our organization in appreciation. (Presents gift of a silver cravat pin and a box of handkerchiefs). Keep them in remembrance of the happiest year of your life. We shall be happy to welcome you to the sessions of our Encampment, and at any time to the sessions of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Alice M. James: Commander-in-Chief, National Officers, Past Officers, and Brothers, I could only say "amen" to what Sister Ehrmann has already said. I know that you are endeavoring to run on time and are expecting other greetings committees, so I will be short. I am happy to be with you and bring you the greetings as the Junior Past President of the Department of Pennsylvania. You have several of the boys here from the Pennsylvania Department and they know that what is said by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic comes from our hearts. We are ready to stand by you shoulder to shoulder.

Mrs. Carrie Gailey: Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members, it is indeed a great pleasure to me that I was put on this greetings committee. I am from the west. We have a wonderful organization there. We very often invite the Sons to our meetings and I shall be glad to go back and tell them of the fine convention you had here.

Mrs. Muriel Weiser, Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, and Members of this Encampment, I can only add my approval to what the other ladies have said in regard to our standing back of you. I bring you

the greetings from Indiana because we have a wonderful organization of Sons in Indiana.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner thanked the Committee for their greetings and for the gifts presented, and then called upon Past National Chaplain, Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig of Minnesota Department, to respond.

Past National Chaplain Craig: Members of the Visiting Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I heard of a couple of youngsters who were out playing together, a little boy and a little girl. And after a while the little girl looked up at the little boy and said, "Billy, don't you love me any more?" And little Billy said, "Yes, 'course I love you, but, gee, I can't be tellin' you all the time that I do." So that, when you come with your greetings we know that they are sincere expressions from the heart. We know that our Commander-in-Chief has done all that he could to make your National President's year as successful as possible—as have all of our Past Commanders-in-Chief before. As it was in the beginning, as it has been down through the years, so it will be done through the years. We are glad you are here; we are glad we are here; and so, therefore, we can be glad together. Thank you for coming. We hope you will come back again at any time. We are always happy to welcome you. Thank you very kindly. (Committee escorted out).

REPORTS OF ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEES ON GREETINGS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Commander-in-Chief, your committee visited the Encampment of the Ladies of the Grand Army and were very cordially received, and we extended your greetings and the greetings of this Encampment.

Past Department Commander Addison Quinn, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, your committee visited the Woman's Relief Corps and had a most pleasant time. They informed us of a resolution before their organization that would make it possible for us to come to their meetings at any time, and they expected the resolution to pass.

AUXILIARY GREETINGS COMMITTEE.

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary was announced and escorted in, National President Gertrude M. Sautter, of Pennsylvania; Past National President Mrs. Mollie D. Hammer, of New Jersey; Past National President Mrs. Kate E. H. Carr of New Jersey; Past National President Mrs. Bessie B. Bowser of Indiana, and Mrs. Stella Brooks Owen, Past National Secretary, of New Jersey. (Mrs. Owen was later elected National President of the Auxiliary).

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: This is the happy time of my Encampment to welcome this co-worker of mine who has been so loyal to the members of our organization and who has done so much to keep you interested in your organization. Wherever she has gone she has carried the message of our Order. I am indeed happy to present to you, the National President of our Auxiliary, Sister Gertrude M. Sautter.

National President Sautter: Brother Frank, Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans, I stand here in my humble way not knowing what I am going to say to you. My heart has been filled with so many of the good things that have been said to me. Many of the faces here I have seen before from coast to coast—California and from Alabama

Tennessee, and many of you I have seen and met many times in my visitations throughout the states where we have Camps and Auxiliaries. I have wished that I could spend more time in my own state, but had to forego that pleasure. I did what I could for Frank where he couldn't go, talking to the Sons of Union Veterans as well as to my Auxiliary. And I plead with you again, to carry on your work because the Grand Army needs you. They are leaning on you. I have talked with them and asked them what you could do for them that you might assist them in carrying on their work. You have been doing noble work. I believe if they would have their own sons join the Sons of Union Veterans, that your organization would be the largest in our country today. (Applause). You need money to carry on your work, and I wish that I might be able to do something for you—come to you with a million dollars. You are big, strong men. You have a heart of gold. You want to be a big organization; one to be proud of. Go back to your various Camps with that message. Really work for your organization and you will have something fine in the community and in the Department. Rivalry among and within the Departments may be used in stimulating interest. You have had a splendid National Commander this year. He has given his all and I know his heart and soul is in the work that you are carrying on. Without your assistance no Commander-in-Chief, no matter how far he travels or how much work he does, can accomplish anything. He can do nothing unless he has your loyal support. Won't you please go back to your homes with that determination to work for your Order and for your Commander-in-Chief, and for the Grand Army of the Republic. They don't have anyone to lean on except you and they do need your help. And as part of the help you can give them, stand firm and solid for this united nation that they gave us. I know whoever is your next Commander-in-Chief he is not going to be disappointed in you, and we are not going to be disappointed. We know you are going to build Camps and make them the strongest patriotic units in the country. And now, Frank, accept this little gift from me. You have in your home a dear mother and a dear sister. I have visited them, learned to love them, and I want you to take back home to them this remembrance from me.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: This is a pretty tough spot in which to be placed. The association this year with this splendid lady of our Auxiliary has been one I will always cherish, and she gives me additional remembrances. But the touching thing is that she remembers that Mother of mine and my sister. Words cannot express what is in my heart. I can simply say, I thank you.

The greetings committee has as its chairman one who has been known to our organization for many years. I am very happy that I have the privilege of having Molly Hammer come to my Encampment and of presenting her to you.

Past National President Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, you said that you were in a tough spot. It wasn't half as tough as the spot I find myself in. You know my husband says he always writes my speeches for me (?), but somehow this year he forgot it. It is a happy privilege of mine to come to you officially to bring the greetings of your Auxiliary. It has been said, "the love that goes the farthest is the love that comes from home." We are your sisters and we love to bring you our good wishes. We appreciate just what you must face in your work. We have met the same obstacles in our own work. I appreciate that you are bravely trying to overcome all of them in your path and I assure you if you will just have the determination that

our Fathers had, you will have no difficulty in overcoming them. It isn't for me to tell you what to do. You know what your duties are. Your sisters are wishing and hoping that all the work you have in mind, that all you would like to do will be realized for you.

It has been my privilege to meet your Commander-in-Chief. He is not only a good Son of a Union Veteran, he is a good son and brother at home. I appreciate your Commander-in-Chief just as you do. Our Auxiliary has a way of expressing to you our appreciation, and it is my privilege to extend their respect and the good will we hold for you. And so, we have brought this clock to you. If time could be turned back to the day you first joined this organization it would tell a wonderful story of your loyalty through the many years which you have been a member of the Sons. In giving to you this clock, I give it with the best wishes and with the many words of commendation of the splendid women within our organization. We hope you will have kindly thoughts of each. We hope this will tick only happy hours for you, Brother Frank. I thank you for having me here, and I trust the Sons of Union Veterans shall continue to grow until no other organization can hope to take its place.

Past National President Carr: Commander-in-Chief, Brother Frank, and Brothers. Our National President and the Chairman of our Committee have told you just about all there is. I extend to you the sincere good wishes of the Pennsylvania Department.

Past National President Bowser: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I sanction what the others have said, and add that we wish you God speed and we are with you to the end.

Past National Secretary Owen: Commander-in-Chief, and members, I appreciate the honor of coming before you. We have faith in you and we hope that we may continue to work together so that we might be the organization that the Grand Army of the Republic wants us to be.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: I thank you for your kind greetings, and one of our Past Commanders-in-Chief will respond, Rev. Frank C. Huston.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: Commander-in-Chief, Sisters of our Auxiliary and Brothers. It is a great privilege and I am very happy, Frank, for this privilege of responding to the greetings of our Auxiliary. We are more than delighted to have you here. Our National President—we all anticipated you would be a great success. Being the wife of our own John Sautter whose name is known and respected throughout our entire membership, we naturally expected quite a bit from Gertrude and we are more than delighted with her work. We are most grateful and we thank you for your service not only for what you have done for the Auxiliary, but for our organization. I know somewhat about the fine spirit existing between the heads of our two organizations. I had this same experience a few years ago and it is something you do not forget. Molly, God bless you. You and Horace have meant so much to us. And Katie Carr. Then our own Bessie Bowser from our own state. And then Stella. Gertrude, you have selected a wonderful committee. I am sure the careful selection being taken and which has been taken in the National Presidents of the Auxiliary ought to be a great inspiration to you in our Order. God bless you one and all. Hurry back to us any and all times. (Committee escorted out).

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS GREETING COMMITTEE.

The Greeting Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans was escorted in and introduced: Past National President Clara G. Yengling of Ohio; National Treasurer Mattie R. Tucker of Washington, D. C.; Past Department President Mrs. Ada Lomax of Kansas; Past Department President Mrs. Lena A. Lyle of Nebraska, and Department President Mrs. Betsey Tomfohrde of Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Brothers, it is my great pleasure to welcome on behalf of our organization these sisters of ours, and as their chairman we have the good wife of Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling.

Past National President Yengling: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, it was a real pleasure and joy to come into this Encampment a year ago and now I am here again. We have a special interest in your present Commander-in-Chief and we just bring you our greetings and wishes for a splendid year. We know it has been that from the splendid report you have made. Brother Frank, you will have many pleasant remembrances of your year and we want you to have a little memento from our National President with whom you have been associated during the year. I present it to you in the name of our organization.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Sister Yengling, it seems Santa Claus has come out of season. I am overwhelmed with these kind words and this expression from our sisters. I might say that when your National President, Sister Roberts, published the names of this committee she was kind enough to include the name of my sister, but because of her devotion and attention to my mother she was unable to be here. I do want you to know that I appreciate your interest in our organization and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Traveling back into the past, I am thinking of the time Massachusetts honored me with the office of Department Commander, and working with me in your organization was the wife of a Massachusetts pal of mine. Now she is your National Treasurer.

I take great pleasure in introducing to my Brothers, Mattie Tucker of my own Department.

National Treasurer Mattie Tucker: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I feel as though I am an extra-wheel to the Committee because I really do not belong on it, but when the National President said someone was to be added to the Committee, well, I just trailed on over. While we were working together in the Department, Brother Frank's wife was my Chief-of-Staff and my husband worked with him. I have a love for this brother. I give you my best love. And I hope the good work you have done will continue on right to the end.

Past Department President Lomax: Commander, it gives me great pleasure to meet the Sons of Union Veterans in National Encampment and to extend to you greetings from the Department of Kansas. We haven't as many organizations of Sons and Daughters in Kansas as we would like. At one time we had more. We are now inspired to start over in our state to help the Sons. We have made a good start. And, Brother Sons, we feel we have a right to offer you our assistance and expect your co-operation in return. May you depend upon us. There is one thing that we must try to live up to and that is to keep the principles of our Fathers and their faith in America.

Past Department President Lyle: Commander-in-Chief, I can't invite you to Nebraska to hunt buffalo anymore, but we will be glad to have you come out to our plains.

Department President Tomfohrde: Commander-in-Chief, I do indeed feel very happy and honored to be able to present the greetings of Massachusetts. We have been so happy and so proud of you and yours has been a sincere and devoted service. You have been so kind and devoted to our Department Commander of the G. A. R. and we know that if you had known our Department Commander's health was as it is you never would have let him do all that he has; so come home as soon as you can for we have missed you. Accept this from the girls of Massachusetts with the same devotion and the sincere pride that we have always felt for you. We feel Massachusetts has been honored.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: I can simply say "thank you" at this time, and when I return I will try to thank all of the Massachusetts girls. National Counselor Heintz will respond.

National Counselor Heintz: Commander-in-Chief, members of the Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans, and brothers, I have been sitting here this afternoon longing for someone from Ohio to come in and I am not disappointed. When Mrs. Yengling entered she gave me the high-sign and probably that was discovered by our Commander-in-Chief who has called upon me to respond to your greetings.

We are the Sons of Union Veterans and you are the Daughters of Union Veterans, but somewhere along the ancestry of each of us there was a woman of the Civil War. Perhaps it was a wife hiding her tears as a young husband was taken from her arms; or a little sister who saw her brother transformed over night from playmate to soldier; but what is still more pathetic, a daughter, a mere child, who was the last to receive the embrace of her father as he marched away. There are the thoughts that come to us when you and the other delegations of the affiliated organizations of women call on us. We think of the women of the Civil War who experienced all the heartaches of the war, and none of the stimulation of military life. So, I think it always a moment of great pleasure and value to us, to have you ladies remind us of the womanhood of the Civil War.

Your organization always leaves something in the Encampment city to remind it that you have been there. A few years ago you thronged our city and up on what is known as the knoll of Eden Park looking toward the Kentucky shore, you left a beautiful flag staff with a bronze tablet. And today from that staff there floats a flag visible to the people on the Kentucky shore as well as to those in Cincinnati.

I hope that we Sons may sometime be able to follow the example of the women of the affiliated orders and leave a memento in the convention cities we visit.

We welcome you sisters—one from Ohio, two from Massachusetts, one from Kansas, and one from Nebraska—coming from these wide places in the United States of America, all having the same devotion to our ancestors not only to our fathers, but to the womanhood of the Civil War.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS GREETINGS COMMITTEE.

Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was escorted in, accompanied by the Oliver Hazzard Drum Corps of South Boston, who entertained the Encampment with their drill and music. The committee was introduced as follows: Past National President Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood of Massachusetts, Department President Minnie

Hoffman of New Jersey, Department President Iona S. Barney of Pennsylvania, and Dora Michael of Nebraska.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: I am very happy to welcome this Greetings Committee from the mother organization—Woman's Relief Corps; and as chairman, Past National President Annie Poole Atwood of my own Department of Massachusetts.

Past National President Atwood: Commander-in-Chief, officers and brothers, we have come here to bring the greetings of the mother organization to you. We are glad to come to you and we want you to know how much we appreciate your courtesies to us. You are happy in the thought that you are true Americans. We need you boys. We need you to carry on the great principles which your fathers have carried on every day since the Civil War. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America—true patriotism can save them and nothing else can. I hope you are going on record as protesting anything that will change them. And I hope you will let those people in Washington know that we mean business, that we mean to carry on the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our National President wanted me to tell you how much she loves you. She has sent you her picture and she wants you to know she has appreciated your work and your courtesies to her. I have brought the Oliver Hazzard Drum Corps of South Boston here with me. We marched on the sidewalk, and I was proud every step of the way. And I am proud because I am a full blooded American.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: We appreciate your kind words, and I thank the Drum Corps from South Boston for coming here. It is a pleasure to welcome you. Past Department Commander Addison A. Quinn, of Massachusetts, will respond.

Past Department Commander Quinn: We have all been inspired by Sister Atwood's remarks. She is just one of the finest persons I know. We have a great big place in our hearts as Sons of Union Veterans for this organization. They remind us of our own mothers, and their many years of caring for and devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic is an inspiration to us. We are happy to have the privilege of associating with such an organization and we want to work in co-operation with you and to feel you are always welcome. We are happy to have you come here. (Committee escorted out).

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: I move we recess until two o'clock tomorrow afternoon. (Motion seconded and carried).

REPORT OF G. A. R. PARADE—SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE ESCORT.

The parade of the G. A. R. on Wednesday morning furnished a soul-stirring spectacle as in previous years, with about 190 Comrades in the line of march besides as many more in automobiles.

The Military Escort, the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Department Commander C. Leroy Stoult, of Pennsylvania, Acting Chief-of-Staff, was led by Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner and Past Commanders-in-Chief Homan and Yengling as Aides.

Approximately sixty members comprised a detachment of the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve, and other uniformed members made a very creditable showing, and others acted as Color Bearers and escort to various G. A. R. Departments.

PRESENTATION TO RYERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At noon, Wednesday, September 11, in the lecture room of the Ryerson Library, a bronze tablet containing Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was presented to the library. National Patriotic Instructor C. D. Donaldson presided.

Musical selection—Sixth Infantry Field Music, Sons of Veterans Reserve of Pennsylvania.

Address—National Patriotic Instructor C. D. Donaldson:

For the first time in the history of our beloved Order we are doing that which should have been done at every National Encampment that our Order has had: Presenting an appropriate gift to the city entertaining the Encampment which will be a lasting memento of our presence here. Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner suggested that I should raise a fund for this purpose from the several Departments through the Department Patriotic Instructors. I have had marked success in securing the fund for purchasing this Memorial for the Grand Army of the Republic which is now able to be unveiled and presented to this Library. It is highly appropriate to present this gift because it keeps in remembrance Abraham Lincoln who stood for the institutions and the principles for which our Order stands. The constitutional foundations upon which all that is worth while in our national life rests, is being menaced today by the following dangers:

1. The fundamental principle in our form of government in respect for the will of the majority when that will is embodied in law according to our constitutional forms. There is a lack of respect today for the will of the majority. This is manifested by mob violence which is one form of direct action that is the favorite mode commended by those who unthinkingly believe that the end justifies the means. In order to right a wrong at once the common people in their blindness are following leaders who are attacking the very foundations of your liberty and of my liberty which our fathers, through heroic sacrifices, preserved for us.

2. Our constitutional foundations are being more insidiously attacked by our legislative bodies, state and national, when they openly advocate the passage of laws without carefully considering the constitutionality of such laws. This throws the burden of protecting our constitutional rights wholly upon the courts. This tends to bring in a very marked way the hatred for our courts by the great mass of our common people because they are told that the courts stand between them and all of the wonderful things promised them by such legislators and executives. We as an Order are not opposed to changing or amending the constitution. All that we stand for is that these changes in the constitution shall be made as the constitution itself provides. We feel that many executives today, state and national, are committing the same kind of folly that was committed by Tiberius Gracchus when he violated the laws of the Roman Republic in order to secure through such violation a great good for the people.

3. The third danger is found in the teaching of doctrines in our public schools and especially in our institutions of higher learning which are extremely menacing to the foundations of our liberty. Opinions and doctrines are openly advocated and taught in our classrooms to our young people that are ruinous to everything that we as Americans hold dear. The first two dangers I have discussed do not lie in my field; the first one lies in the field of the sociologist and

the second lies in the field of the constitutional lawyer. But this third danger lies in my own field and I am convinced that it is more menacing than is generally acknowledged. The teaching of theories that have not been scientifically established to the highly impressionable minds of our youth is to do to the youth of our land the most dangerous and lasting injuries that could possibly be conceived. We need men and women as the teachers and the leaders of our youth who are deeply grounded in the love of our American principles and institutions. Men and women who are fearless in their standing for the principles and institutions for which our fathers fought. But men and women who can grow and who will not antagonize our youth by adhering blindly to outgrown systems.

In conclusion, I ask you, my hearers, to foster in every legitimate way the righteousness of our form of government and to promote and foster the principles and institutions of our American Republic which have cost so much in blood, suffering, and treasure that you and I and all of us might have the blessings of a free government, the greatest heritage of any people in all of the ages.

Remarks—Mrs. Gertrude M. Sautter, National President of the Auxillary, congratulating the Sons' organization in initiating this custom and expressing the hope that it might be continued.

Address of Presentation—Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: It is a very happy privilege to come here today as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to present to the Library Board of Grand Rapids this bronze tablet containing Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

It seems most appropriate that these immortal words of the Commander-in-Chief of our fathers, soldiers in the Union Army during 1861 to 1865, should be placed on the walls of the Public Library of your city, where come those who seek historical and other knowledge, that here they may see this masterpiece of the English language.

These words, spoken at a great event nearly seventy-two years ago, have lessons that apply as well today to the problems confronting our country.

It is therefore with a great deal of pleasure, Mr. Johnson, that I present to you, and through you to the City of Grand Rapids this tablet of enduring bronze, as a tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic at the Sixty-ninth Annual Encampment by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Unveiling of Tablet.

Address of Acceptance—President Johnson of the Library Board: This memento which you so graciously bequeath to us and which I have the honor to accept on behalf of our board of library commissioners and the people of Grand Rapids, is a casting into enduring bronze of the soul of America. It echoes an immortal utterance by that great immortal who belongs not alone to us and to America but to the ages and to all mankind.

Music "America"—Sixth Infantry Field Music, Sons of Veterans Reserve of Pennsylvania.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The third session of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment was opened at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, September 11, in the Odd Fellows Hall, by Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner.

LOCAL COMMITTEE GREETINGS.

A Greetings Committee from the local Camp and Auxiliary was escorted into the meeting. Introduced were: Sister Mackey, President, and Sister Girodat of the Auxiliary, and Past Department Commander H. Frank Finch of Grand Rapids.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: It is nice to know the local Auxiliary and Camp desire to give us a word of welcome.

Auxiliary President Mackey: Commander and Brothers, it is indeed a pleasure to me that I have this privilege and honor of coming here. I wish that you may have a pleasant Encampment and that you will like Grand Rapids so well that you will want to come back for the fifth time. And I hope you may go home feeling a greater and closer brotherhood and sisterhood than ever before. We are doing all we can for the Sons. I have had the pleasure of meeting some of your Department Presidents and Department Commanders and it has been a most happy convention for me, and I hope it has been the same for you.

Sister Girodat: Commander and Brothers, I just say ditto to everything Sister Mackey has said.

Past Department Commander Finch: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, we certainly do welcome you to Grand Rapids. We are glad to have you here. We hope it is going to be a successful Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: We have been royally received and welcomed. I had hardly arrived at our headquarters last Saturday before we found a basket of flowers and a word of welcome for the National Officers. I thank you not only for that but for your words of welcome. We indeed feel we have come to a place we like to be. We have been here three times before and we want to come again. You furnish nice weather—not hot weather—and especially today for the parade. On behalf of the organization, I express our sincere thanks and appreciation. (Committee escorted out).

The Committee had left a basket of flowers which were not seen until after the Committee had departed. Commander-in-Chief asked the members present from the Grand Rapids Camp to express their thanks and appreciation to their organizations.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE—THANKS.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: I wish to express to Captain Stodt, Department Commander of Pennsylvania, my thanks for the splendid showing the Pennsylvania Reserve made in the parade this morning, and to him for the fine zeal he displayed.

Quite a number of the members were present at the public library for the dedication of a tablet. You know that the National Patriotic Instructor has been soliciting funds so that we might leave a tribute to the Grand Army in this city. Except in Wisconsin where they immediately took hold, the response was generally slow. But after the new Department Commanders and the new Department Patriotic Instructors were notified, the response was most gratifying and today the Commandery-in-Chief dedicated a tablet of bronze with the word-
ing "A Tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic at the Sixty-ninth Encampment. Placed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1935."

To Brother Donaldson, and those who responded to this appeal, I express sincere thanks, and I am sure the brothers who will go up there and see this tablet will feel gratified in leaving this memorial. I think when the report is read we will find that we will have a substantial balance, going a long ways towards making a permanent fund for this purpose.

Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee supplementary reports the addition of seventeen members, making a total now of 228 enrolled in Encampment. Another Past Commander-in-Chief, Coffin of Ohio, is here.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: We are now under reports of committees.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Through a recommendation of mine at the Rochester (last year's) Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief appointed National Counselor Michael G. Heintz, Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Past Department Counselor of Massachusetts, and myself, as a committee of three to make this revision.

September 10, 1935.

To the Fifty-fourth Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on revision of the membership application Form 1, herewith submits for your approval or rejection, the following:

In the application as a whole, we have made few changes. We find that not all Camps use the Descriptive Book for permanent records of their members, and therefore believe the application should be submitted in duplicate, one copy for the Camp and one for the Department, to be preserved in a binder.

Your Committee is divided on the subject of retaining the obligation upon the blank, and leave that for your decision.

The time having arrived, when it is more difficult to find and trace the eligibility, we have provided space in which this may be traced for four generations on this blank.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. YENGLING, Chairman,
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ,
Committee.

In this new application, if accepted, there will be four pages, and a margin wide enough so that it may be fastened in a binder. The face of it is just a record. The second page contains the applicant's name and address, and information concerning him. The third page

contains the record of the applicant's lineal descent. On the last page, I recommend that the last page be left blank. My good friend, Past Department Commander Heintz, thinks the obligation and perhaps the purposes and objects of our Order should be printed thereon. I submit this and ask that the Encampment approve or disapprove of the leaving off of the obligation.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
TO THE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
1861-1865

Department of Camp No.....
Place
Application of
Residence
Residence
Recommended by
Date Received
Fee Herewith \$.....
Committee on Investigation report.....
.....favorably, this..... day of
....., 19....
Committee:
Elected
Initiated
Descriptive Book No.

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I,
(Applicant's Name)
Residence
(Give Street and Number)
City State.....
being of the age of sixteen years (16) or more, hereby apply for
membership in Camp
No....., Department of Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War, and if accepted, will obey and sup
port its Constitution and Regulations and the By-Laws of the Camp.
I was born day of 19....
in State of.....
(City)
State of
Occupation

I have.....been **Dropped** by any Camp of Sons of Union Vet-
Rejected erans of the Civil War.
Dated at this
..... day of....., 19....
Signed:

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LINEAGE

I,
 base my right for membership in the Order of Sons of Union Veterans
 of the Civil War, 1861-1865, by right of lineal descent in the follow-
 ing line from.....

who served in the UNITED STATES Army, Navy, Marine Corps,
 during the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, and never voluntarily bore
 arms against the Government of the United States.
 Enlisted as

(Date)

(Rank)

in Co.

(Regiment, Battery or Ship)

Honorably Discharged

(Date)

by reason of

1. I am the son of

(Address)

who was the or
 Son
 Daughter

who was the or
 Son
 Daughter

who was the or
 Son
 Daughter

who was the or
 Son
 Daughter

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OBLIGATION

I, in the presence of the Great Creator | and the witnessing mem-
 bers of this Camp, | hereby voluntarily and solemnly | pledge myself
 to support and defend | the government of the United States of
 America, | to offer my life | if need be | to preserve the Flag | from
 being lowered in defeat; | to always observe the day | set aside by
 the Grand Army of the Republic | as Memorial (Decoration) Day, |
 sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to
 1865 | and do all in my power | to persuade others to do the same; |
 to be faithful in all the duties of citizenship, | to be obedient to the
 law of the land, | to obey the Constitution and Regulations of this
 Order | and actively to promote its objects and interests | always
 and everywhere. | So help me God.

Date, Signed

19.....

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic. Privileged to Attend
 Meetings of Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic. Official
 Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic.

ELIGIBILITY

Male descendants not less than sixteen (16) years of age, of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines, regularly mustered, honorably discharged from the Army or Navy of the United State of America during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865.

PURPOSES AND OBJECTS

To perpetuate the memory, services and sacrifices of our ancestors for the maintenance of the Union. To commemorate America's heroic dead through patriotic and historical exercises and the proper observance of Memorial Day.

To assist the Grand Army of the Republic and all honorably discharged Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the War of the Rebellion of 1861-1865, aid and protect their widows and members of our Order.

To oppose all movements, tendencies, and efforts that make for the destruction or impairment of our Constitutional Union. To demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism, and exclusion of aliens unwilling to conform to this standard. To teach patriotism, duties of citizenship, true history of our Country and love and honor of our Flag. To inculcate and sustain American principles of representative government, equal rights, universal liberty and impartial justice for all.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hickox: I move that the blank be adopted as recommended.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I can't quite agree with Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling in his recommendation that we leave off the obligation on the application blank. Our Commander-in-Chief in his report recommends a membership at large in every Department which eligibles throughout a state may join. Now, where are you going to take the eligible to obligate him? I went out to get eight men to join our organization. The nearest Camp is sixty miles away. If I had to put those men in my car and drive sixty miles, they never would have joined. I want to see that obligation on that application. All the applicant has to do is to see it and read it and sign his name under it. What difference does it make if you don't take him into the Camp with all the ceremony.

Past Department Commander Locke: As I understand it, the matter now before the house is that the blank submitted by Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling be printed without the obligation? I feel considerable embarrassment in having a difference of opinion with my good friend Park Yengling, at least in public. I would like to incorporate all that Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon has said in my remarks, and may I add, it won't do any of us any harm to take the obligation both orally and in writing, and we ought to be required to take it several times a year. The only reasonable thing to do is not only to have him sign the application, but give the obligation to him at the altar as well. I take the opportunity of offering an amendment to the motion that the obligation be printed on the fourth page of the blank.

Past Department Commander Mohr, of Missouri: I second that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: To get an applicant you have to see him personally, and what's to hinder you from having a ritual in your pocket and giving him the obligation right there. What im-

presses a man more than with his hand on the Bible, to take the obligation; I don't see any reason why any man can't do that. One of the troubles is that we have cheapened ourselves by cutting out a lot of things of the ritual that the Sons of Union Veterans want back in there. They want the grips and the hailing signs that you used to have. Today, the ritual of our Order is such that all you have to do is sign a blank and secure a measly three dollars, and that won't help to keep members in the Order. They want more than that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: What does it deprive the boy in the country Camp if that obligation is on that card. He can go ahead and have a grip and countersign. We aren't taking it out of the ritual. How much printing has been done and thrown away by changing and changing every year. I am getting sick and tired of this every year coming and voting changes, and the next year voting more changes. It's no wonder your treasury is in the red most of the time because you want printing done and then throw the stuff away. How many Constitutions have you had, and changed and revised? I don't want to see everything changed. Let's settle on one thing and keep it at least six months.

Past Department Commander Locke: Doctor Sheldon has again taken the words out of my mouth. The adoption of this amendment will in no way change the ritual. It will simply leave our application as it is now, making only the revisions suggested by the committee. If a Camp wishes to initiate its members in full form, this in no way interferes with that. Our present application blank has the obligation printed on the back page. I think it should remain there. I think we should adopt this amendment.

Council-in-Chief Isaacs: Are these applications to be printed immediately or after the present supply is exhausted? (It was understood that the revised application blank, if accepted, would be printed after the present supply was exhausted).

Vote on the amendment was declared carried, with two opposing votes. The amended motion was carried.

VISIT OF MASSACHUSETTS DELEGATION.

A delegation of over fifty members of the Massachusetts Sons and Auxiliary were admitted and sang "All Hail—Massachusetts."

Department President of the Auxiliary Mary Carr: Our own Frank, your brothers and sisters from Massachusetts respect you. They have watched your travels throughout the year in the work of our splendid organizations. If you have failed, it is not anything that you have done. We want you to know what your Massachusetts girls think of you and we wish for the rest of your convention just the finest and best convention ever. (Presents gift from Massachusetts Auxiliary).

Department Commander Thomas L. Crawford: The boys of Massachusetts have watched you for several years. We know your service to be inspiring and kindly. You have done much hard work. And the Massachusetts boys appreciate every effort you have made. And so to Frank, our Commander-in-Chief, from his Massachusetts pals. (Presents gift).

Past National President Margaret Waters presented a personal gift for the "Polkadots."

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Just before I left the hotel for this session, I saw the Pennsylvania crowd going into National President Sautter's Auxiliary Encampment and someone said, "You

will get your's later." Now, I know what they meant. I appreciate these words and I hope I have lived up to these expressions. I can't express what I feel now. It will be necessary to get out of this whirl. I shall have to come back home and thank you then. This will be one of the bright spots for me. Thank you. (Delegation leaves the hall).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Officers' Reports is ready, and submits the following report:

A careful scrutiny of the report of your officers cannot fail to reveal the earnest desire of each officer to render helpful and effective service and to measure up to every reasonable expectation of their brothers of the Order.

Particularly true is this of our Commander-in-Chief. The choice we made one year ago was not by way of an experiment. He had previously been tried and never found wanting. His administration has been conducted along lines with which he was thoroughly familiar. Positive results has been his goal and sensible methods to obtain these results has been his watchword. His personal characteristics have prompted him to avoid the spectacular; his earnestness and zeal have been an incentive to his officers and associates, and his friendly demeanor has been contagious.

As he retires from office, he may do so with the confident assurance that he has won the high privilege of taking with him that which he most desired—the approval of his brothers; nay more, he carries with him the love and affection of us all, and our hearty wish that he may long live to enjoy these rewards.

He has made certain recommendations, as follows:

On page 8 of printed reports, the Commander-in-Chief directs attention to the very worthwhile work of the Committee on Marking Graves, and with fitting words of approval of its accomplishments, recommends the continuation of this committee. This recommendation finds ample support in the report of the Committee, appearing on pages 38-40, and your committee approves. (Committee sustained).

On page 13 appears Recommendation No. 1—that a committee of five be appointed to revise the Constitution and Regulations, said Committee to report at the next Encampment. Your Committee approves. (Committee sustained).

Following there appear recommendations numbered 2, 3 and 4, appertaining to certain changes to the Constitution and Regulations.

Your Committee does not disapprove, but inasmuch as your affirmative action on Recommendation No. 1 provides for early revision of the Constitution and Regulations, and as immediate affirmative action on either of Recommendations 2, 3 or 4 would require the expense of printing and distributing same for use for but a short interim, only, your Committee recommends that these recommendations be referred to the Revision Committee to be appointed, and be considered by such committee in its deliberations. (Committee sustained).

Your Committee has carefully considered Recommendation No. 5, pertaining to the per capita tax and to the establishment of a permanent fund and an organization and historical marker fund. Your Committee is impressed with the value and importance of this proposal and commends the same, but as the matter of sufficient and necessary finances is involved, recommends that it be referred to the

Council-in-Chief for its attention and consideration in connection with its report and budget recommendations. (Committee sustained).

Recommendation No. 6, pertaining to two Camps in Oklahoma, is approved. (Committee sustained).

The reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief are commended in that they reveal that as occupants of these positions, these brothers accurately deemed their responsible offices were opportunities for service, rather than mere honors conferred. Such an attitude was to be expected from brothers of their known loyalty and ability. They have set an example of conduct that should prove very helpful to our Order.

Report of the National Secretary-Treasurer. Your Committee through an oversight failed to provide itself with an unabridged dictionary from which might be gleaned a supply of rare and seldom-used adjectives and adverbs for use in depicting the virtues and efficiency of our beloved National Secretary-Treasurer. Ordinary vocabularies have been exhausted in previous years in such futile efforts. By reference they are all made a part hereof. Horace Hammer! there he stands; towering literally, if not physically, among our Officers and Brothers. May God bless and preserve him!

The reports of our National Chaplain and National Patriotic Instructor are both good and bad. Entirely good insofar as the two national officers are concerned. Good in that they set forth commendable interest and activity in some Departments and by some Department and Camp Officers; but bad, very bad, in the defects appearing in many Departments and Camps. It is but idle to expect a 100% accomplishment by our National Officers and organization without whole-hearted support throughout the Order. Failure of such support is indicative of local decay. Department and Camp Officers have taken the obligation at installations, yet they fall far short in the performance of simple duties. An active and determined interest on the part of our membership should and would prevent such non-performance.

The National Patriotic Instructor on pages 32 and 33 has enumerated several important and pungent suggestions, which are commended to the attention of the Order, as reflecting the observations and judgment of a competent and zealous officer.

The report of the Committee on Marking Graves reveals gratifying progress being made in this method of perpetuating the memories of our honored sires. Attention is particularly called to that portion pointing out that under a new set-up, the United States, through the W. P. A., will pay the entire cost of such a project in any State.

Your Committee recommends that each of our Departments initiate and sponsor a state-wide tabulation of existing gravestones and markers in all cemeteries for the purpose of locating graves of Veterans, forthwith, while the opportunity for such a project remains open. We are informed that the Committee on Marking Graves will furnish any information upon request. (Committee sustained).

Signed: RALPH M. GRANT,
NEIL D. CRANMER,
FREDERICK K. DAVIS,
HARRY D. CROW,
THOMAS L. CRAWFORD,
Committee.

Commander-in-Chief, I move the acceptance of this report and the adoption of the recommendations contained therein. (Motion carried).

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH G. A. R. DISCHARGED.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Your Committee on Fraternal Relations with the Grand Army of the Republic. We have no report to make at the present time. I ask to be discharged from the Committee. (Encampment approved).

METHODIST CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.

Past Department Commander Craig, Minnesota: This is not a committee report except a self-appointed committee. I attended this morning the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Churches which is also being held at this time in this city. One of the members of the Conference presented what I thought to be the finest resolution I had ever heard commendatory to the Grand Army and to the allied organizations. And, I just felt that this body ought to know that the Methodist Episcopal conference passed this resolution and that it probably will be presented to our fathers this afternoon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee has received several resolutions, the first of which is from the Department of Connecticut as follows:

Resolved by the Committee on Program and Policy of the Connecticut Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

That the Commandery-in-Chief be requested to waive the collection of the fifty cent per capita payment from each Department upon each new member received in any Camp in such Department during the coming year, as we believe it to be expedient and for the good of the order that such action be taken.

The foregoing was regularly adopted at a meeting of said committee held at Orange, Connecticut, on August 24, 1935.

(Signed) Robert J. Woodruff, Chairman.
Herbert W. Cleveland, Secretary.

Your Committee approves of this recommendation.

Delegate W. R. Herrlein, Pennsylvania: How much difference would that make in our treasury.

Council-in-Chief Isaacs: Approximately \$112.00.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hickox: I am not in favor of that recommendation. I think if we can get \$100.00 in that way, we should get it. I move the recommendation of the Committee be not concurred in.

Department Commander DeForest: May I say that in Connecticut we are attempting to obtain 500 new members, and we are concentrating on grandsons. Now, Connecticut is not strong financially. If we could have this suspension for one year the Department of Connecticut would be back on the right side of the ledger, and we would have supplied enough new members to help the revenue. We are appealing to the Commandery-in-Chief to help us.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: We are voting on the recommendation of the Committee. (Recommendation adopted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: The next comes from the Department of Washington:

WHEREAS, The depression is still with us, and in some sections worse than in others, and it seems to be the desire of the Commandery-in-Chief at all times to increase our membership, and

WHEREAS, With the membership fee at \$3.00 per member, made by the Commandery-in-Chief, which we believe to be detrimental to the proper increase in members in this Camp and Department, and we believe dues are more important than membership fee for the proper development in our organization; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Commandery-in-Chief take such action at the next convention in September, 1935, as will permit Camps to specify their own fee in each individual Camp, providing the Camps send their \$1.00 to the Departments as now provided for each new member.

Yours in F. C. & L.—(Signed) Frank E. Beatty, Commander
Camp No. 9. Attest: S. W. Usher, Secretary. Approved:
K. L. Forbes, Department Commander.

Your Committee does not concur and does not recommend its adoption. (Committee sustained).

The next comes from the Department of Illinois:

The following resolution was presented in the Fifty-third Annual Encampment of Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Bloomington, May 21-22, 1935. It was adopted, and the Department Secretary instructed to forward it to National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer, for presentation to, and the consideration of the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief at Grand Rapids, September 10 to 13, 1935:

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Chicago Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in regular meeting assembled, do hereby recommend the adoption of the following changes in the Constitution and Regulations, governing our Order, and that the Secretary be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to the proper Department Officers, so that same will be presented to and considered by, the next annual Department Encampment to be held at Bloomington, Illinois, May 20 to 23, 1935:

CHAPTER 1—ARTICLE 3. On page 12, section 6, line 7, after the word "thereto" and before the word "such," insert the following:

—that when two Camps consolidate, they may use the name and number of either Camp; or they may use the name of one Camp and the number of the other; or they may choose a new name and number for the consolidated Camp. In the event a new name and number is chosen, the Department Commander, upon request of the newly consolidated Camp, shall issue a new charter, showing the new Camp name and number, however, any new charter, so issued, shall only contain the names of the original charter members of both Camps, such names to be inserted in such new charter, by the National, Department or Camp Secretary, as directed by the Commander-in-Chief or the Department Commander.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 26th day of April, A. D. 1935.

Chicago Camp No. One (1)—E. C. Skinner, Commander.

Attest: J. E. Jenkins, Secretary. (Camp Seal).

The foregoing action was taken by the Illinois Department Encampment at Bloomington, May 22, 1935.

A. D. Rhinesmith, Department Secretary.
(Department Seal).

Your Committee approves and recommends its adoption.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: As I understand it, we are in effect either changing or adding a new clause to our Constitution. I am reasonably satisfied that there is ample provision for this under our present laws. And, there is ample provision under the authority to grant the Department Commander for the assignment of the number and the name is entirely up with the Camp. And there is provision that the Camp can change its name. But the issuance of a new charter can only be made by the payment of a charter fee. So that if two Camps wished to combine and then asked for a new charter, instead of being a merger of two Camps, it would be in effect a new Camp.

Past Department Commander Coen: I am a member of Camp No. 1 of Chicago, and I believe this Camp No. 1 was the first Camp that was organized west of the Ohio River. Of late years the Camp has been kept going mainly through the efforts of one whom you all know, Past Department Commander Will F. Jenkins. There has been some discussion recently of the merger of this Camp with Illinois State Camp No. 100. And, I believe what the boys had in mind was whether or not they could keep the number of their Camp. I presume the boys want to hold the number because of the sentiment attached to it. I don't think they want a new charter, but they probably want to know whether or not the merged Camp couldn't be known as Illinois State Camp No. 1.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move you the non-concurrence on the recommendation of the Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I offer a substitute motion—that the recommendation be approved not as a change in the Constitution but as an interpretation of our present Regulations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I withdraw my motion and second the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin. Motion carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: The next is a communication from the Indiana Department, recommendation of Department Commander A. C. Thornburg:

That this Encampment we might say petition the Commandery-in-Chief, the ruling body over all, that each Department be given the privilege to elect Camp officers the month prior to their annual Department Encampment.

Now the reason for this is: That the Commander is elected in Indiana in June. He works until October with Camp officers that are just about to lose their jobs.

According to the rules in Indiana you do not have to install new officers until the 31st of December, which means that a Department Commander has from January 1st to March 31st to do a year's work with one set of officers; he has had two passing in and out. For that reason I think it would be constructive legislation for the Commandery-in-Chief to give each state a right to elect the new Camp officers, go to the State Encampment after having received the honor from their own Camp and they should, if the type of men entitled to be elected get a spirit of wanting to do something in the State Encampment, they then have one full year to work in with the new state Department and the new Camp officers, which, under the new ruling, will be governed over by the Program and Policy Committee, which more or less sets up the program they should follow.

So it isn't as serious to start off the new year with all new officers as it used to be, practically furnishing the complete program.

Yours in F. C. & L.—A. C. Thornburg, Department Commander.
 Adopted by Encampment, June 18, 1935.
 Attest: A. W. McDaniel, Department Secretary.

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence in this recommendation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I know something about Brother Thornburg's idea and I am wondering if this communication has been presented in the proper form. Has it come as a resolution? (The chairman stated that the communication was not in the proper form).

National Secretary Hammer: I move adoption of the Committee's recommendation of non-concurrence. (Motion seconded by Past Department Commander Reeger of New Jersey. Carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: The next comes from the Department of Maine:

To the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

At the session of the Fifty-third Encampment of the Maine Department held at Portland, Maine, April 17, 1935, the following recommendation of an amendment to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations was unanimously adopted:

That Chapter I, Article 3, Section 2, be amended by adding the following words: "Except Camps having a membership of less than thirty that four members may constitute a quorum."

A true record. Attest:
 Edward K. Gould, Department Secretary-Treasurer.
 Byron M. Salter, Department Commander.

Your Committee does not concur in this recommendation. (Committee sustained).

The next is a communication from the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, James B. Hale, Department Secretary, to the effect that the Department Encampment unanimously adopted a resolution approving a resolution from the Department of Wisconsin, C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1, which would change Articles 3 and 4 of Section V, Chapter 3. Your Committee recommends non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

The next comes from the Department of Wisconsin, C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1, and is in regard to the salary of the National Secretary-Treasurer:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Our National Secretary-Treasurer's term expires this year, and in view of the small membership of the Order, and its limited finances, especially in respect to the serious financial condition of the Departments and local Camps, and the imperative need of the Departments for funds for organization work, and the duty of the Commandery-in-Chief for general retrenchment financially to enable the Departments and Camps to do more effective work, and in order to pass on to the Departments the savings afforded by reducing the salary and expenses of the National Secretary-Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, It should be deemed an honor and a privilege of any brother to serve the Order in this office without financial recompense, except to defray actual and necessary expense, the same as like ser-

vices are rendered in the same office by sisters in our Auxiliary and in other affiliated organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By C. K. PIER-BADGER CAMP NO. 1, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, located at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in regular meeting assembled this 24th day of May, 1925, that we hereby propose and petition the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be held this year in the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, to revise and amend Section 3, Article V, of Chapter III of our Constitution and Regulations, on page 36 thereof, by striking therefrom the last sentence of said section, reading as follows: "He shall receive as compensation the sum of \$3,000.00 per annum," and by inserting in lieu thereof, the following: "He shall receive such compensation as the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at which he is elected, shall determine, the same not to exceed the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars per annum, and such additional moneys for actual and necessary expenses as shall be allowed in each annual budget of the Council-in-Chief." Be it further

RESOLVED, That we hereby propose and petition the National Encampment of the said Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be held this year in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, to amend and revise Section 4, Article V, of Chapter III, of the said Constitution and Regulations, to strike therefrom the last sentence thereof, reading as follows: "He shall receive as compensation the sum of \$300.00 per annum," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "He shall receive no compensation, but shall receive such actual and necessary expenses as shall be allowed him in each annual budget as prepared by the Council-in-Chief." Be it further

RESOLVED, That one-half of the per capita tax for each quarter, received from each Department, shall be returned to each Department, and by it set aside as a special trust fund to be used exclusively for organization purposes, in the work of organizing new Camps and reviving delinquent Camps, provided, however, that no part of such fund shall be used to pay any salary whatever, and provided further, that the Council-in-Chief shall provide in its budget for a similar fund for similar purposes, for organization of new Departments and reviving delinquent Departments, to be expended under the control and direction of the Commander-in-Chief and the Chairman of the National Committee on Program and Policy, and that a new section to that effect be added to Chapter 3 of our Constitution and Regulations, accordingly. Be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution, properly certified and attested by the Camp Commander and Secretary, be sent to the National Secretary-Treasurer, to be presented to the next National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be held this year in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a copy thereof be sent to our Department Secretary-Treasurer, to be presented to the next Department Encampment of the Department of Wisconsin, to be held in the City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, June 10, 11 and 12, of this year, for its consideration and approval. Be it further

RESOLVED, That in order to invite the consideration of the several Department Encampments of the Order, to this subject, at their Encampments to be held this year, that the Secretary be authorized and directed to send properly certified copies of this Resolution, duly attested to the Department Secretary of each Department, with a request that the same be presented to their respective Department Encampments.

campments, and that we invite all Department Encampments to adopt similar resolutions and petitions, the same as our Department of Wisconsin has done for several years now, to the end that united action may be obtained this year, knowing full well that in union there is strength, and that united we shall win the battle, firmly believing in the righteousness of this cause, and that right must ultimately prevail, and firmly believing that the time is now at hand when common sense and the exercise of sound business economics in the expenditures of the Commandery-in-Chief should be applied, and that the expenditure of over one-half of the annual income of the Commandery-in-Chief, for salary, office rent, and expenses of the National Secretary-Treasurer, is unjustified, and that there are many competent qualified and efficient brothers who would cheerfully perform and discharge the duties of that office without compensation or at nominal remuneration sufficient to cover actual operating expenses, and that the funds thus saved could be and should be more advantageously used to finance organization work and in promotion of the plans and policies of the National Committee on Program and Policy, of the Commandery-in-Chief.

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We, the undersigned, J. H. DISSELER, as Commander, and C. W. DODSON, as Secretary, respectively, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was reported to the Camp by its Committee on Program and Policy, with recommendation that it be adopted, and that on motion of Brother C. W. Dodson, seconded by Brothers W. J. McMahon and J. J. Scheuren, the same was unanimously adopted by the Camp, at a regular meeting thereof, held in the G. A. R. Memorial Hall, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 24th day of May, 1935.

In WITNESS whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Camp to be affixed, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 24th day of May, 1935.

J. H. DISSELER,
Commander.

Attest: CLARENCE W. DODSON,
(Camp Seal) Secretary.

Your Committee does not concur in this resolution.

National Patriotic Instructor Donaldson: I would like to say that the Department Encampment of Wisconsin did not concur in this resolution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: I move the resolution be laid on the table. (Seconded by Council-in-Chief Isaacs. Carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Your Committee offers the following recommendation:

That in Section 3 of Article V, Page 36, C. & R., the amount \$3,000.00 be stricken out and the amount \$2,000.00 to be inserted in lieu thereof. This is the salary of the National Secretary. And your committee also recommends there be stricken from Section 4 of Article V the amount of \$300.00 and the amount \$200.00 be inserted in lieu thereof. This is the salary of the National Treasurer. I move the adoption of the recommendation. (Motion seconded).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I ask Brother Church if his first change was that the salary of the National Secretary be changed from \$3,000.00 per year to \$2,000.00 per year?

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: That is right. And the salary of the National Treasurer is reduced from \$300.00 per year to \$200.00 per year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Then the salary of the National Secretary-Treasurer will be a total of \$2,200.00 per year instead of \$3,300.00 per year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: That is the recommendation of the Committee. (The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor of the motion, which was declared adopted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: That concludes the report of the committee for the present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Commander-in-Chief, your committee visited the Daughters of Union Veterans and were cordially received. They asked us to send their love and best wishes to you.

LINCOLN TABLET.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I was one of the all too few members of this organization present at the unveiling of that tablet presented to the Ryerson Library this noon. I was impressed with the thought that there is now in the city library, hanging in the hall between two rooms, one of which is the history room, a beautiful bronze tablet carrying the profile of the immortal Lincoln with the date, 1809-1865, and then follows the Gettysburg Address. The inscription shows that the tablet was placed by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I think it was the Commander-in-Chief himself who inaugurated this idea and he is to be commended. I had thought for the past thirty or forty years when we visited cities over this great nation of ours and as an organization we left nothing that might be looked upon by anyone in the future to tell them that we had been in the city. And if action hasn't already been taken, I hope it will be taken before this Encampment is over, which will absolutely insure the continuation of this practice. There is nothing more appropriate that we could do than to place Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in the public libraries of the cities we visit. All the other organizations have been doing it, and some years ago the Auxiliary started a fund for the same purpose. And appropriately enough, the presentation of the Auxiliary stands in the park just across the street from the building which houses our presentation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment:

Your Committee on Resolutions presents its report Resolution No. 1, submitted by Department Commander Ameli of New York, and also from the Illinois Department;

From New York Department—

WHEREAS, It is common knowledge that there are many people in the United States who are not citizens, and

WHEREAS, Many of these aliens are members of radical organizations which are hostile to, and openly recommend the overthrow of our democratic form of Government by violence, and

WHEREAS, Many of these said aliens are now employed in various occupations, thus depriving loyal citizens of the United States of an opportunity to gain employment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, in the National Encampment assembled in Grand Rapids, Michigan, do urgently recommend to the Authorities, and to the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, the passage of a law which will require the registration of all aliens who are now residents of our country, and we further recommend that such law further provide for the deportation of all such undesirable aliens; furthermore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, in the National Encampment assembled in Grand Rapids, Michigan, recommend that laws be passed by the Congress, the State Legislatures and the City Assembly, prohibiting the use of all public buildings and tax-supported schools, by any group who advocate the overthrow of our local, State or National Government by force or violence.

H. W. Ameli, Dept. Com., New York.

From Illinois Department—

WHEREAS, It is widely known that there are organized bands of criminals who are imposing upon the defrauding immigrants to this country in offering to sell, and selling counterfeit and spurious naturalization papers to the unsuspecting, innocent and ignorant aliens, and

WHEREAS, There is also traffic in and colonization by criminals to bring to this country aliens by unlawful methods, foreigners not entitled to enter this country and not entitled to citizenship when entered, and

WHEREAS, There are now in this country by unlawful entrance millions of the pauper and criminal element of every foreign nation and likewise millions of aliens that were legally entered but have made no effort to become naturalized citizens, who by tradition and heredity are paupers and criminals, and

WHEREAS, The constituted authorities, Department of Justice and other law enforcement bodies seem powerless to cope with the situation without the full co-operation of our best patriotic citizenship and veteran organizations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the members of General John A. McClernand Camp No. 4, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in regular meeting assembled, this the 2nd day of August, 1935, at Springfield, Illinois, that we singly and collectively, as individuals and as an organization, use our best effort in co-operation with the authorities always and everywhere in correcting the abuses above outlined, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we give our full support and endorsement and co-operation to the "Dies Deportation Bill," now before Congress for enactment and if and when enacted will correct many of the evils above enumerated and will greatly result in the reduction of our relief expenditures and save the Country millions of dollars as well as improve the standard of our citizenship, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be made a matter of record and copies be forwarded to the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at their Sixty-ninth meeting held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for their consideration and approval.

By the Committee:

Samuel M. Wright, Francis A. Gibson, Wm. D. Tozier.
Carroll W. Neeld, Commander.

Adopted August 2, 1935.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution and recommends that the National Secretary send copies to the proper authorities immediately. (Committee recommendation approved)

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY GREETINGS COMMITTEE.

The Greetings Committee, Martha E. Hill, Chief-of-Staff, Department of Michigan, Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Augusta Pangborn, Gold Star Mother of Sergeant Chas. E. Cunningham Auxiliary of Grand Rapids, was announced, escorted into the Encampment, and introduced.

Martha E. Hill: Commander-in-Chief and members. It affords me great pleasure to have the privilege of presenting the greetings of the Michigan Department of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Sergeant Charles E. Cunningham Post of Grand Rapids. We trust and sincerely hope that you have a very successful Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Members of this committee we appreciate your words of greetings. A veteran and a Past Commander-in-Chief of our organization will respond, Brother Coffin of Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Members of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and of the Gold Star Mothers, on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans in Encampment here assembled I can express the very heartfelt pleasure that we experience in being visited by you who represent the veterans of the World War—a later war. The veterans, possibly, of all wars of our country feel they have done something to preserve our constitutional union for America and for our posterity. We as Sons of Union Veterans are organized to honor those who preceded us in that they preserved this union during its greatest conflict. Those of us of course who entered the World War and those of us who are Sons of Veterans feel that we did something to make the world safe for democracy. And I believe that you who represent the soldiers of America of a later day and you who represent those of an earlier day, are again called upon to preserve again the constitutional union of our country for democracy. We thank you for your interest in us and for coming here with your greetings. (Committee escorted out).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Resolution No. 2 is submitted by Department Commander Crawford of Massachusetts:

WHEREAS, Our Country is being flooded by goods made in foreign countries and offered for sale at such low prices that our American manufacturers cannot compete, and

WHEREAS, Our American industries are in many places closed, throwing out of employment many of our citizens; be it

RESOLVED, That we promulgate "Buy American" thereby showing our patriotism and our interests in the welfare of American industries.

Your Committee recommend adoption. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 3 from the National Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary, from the Department of Maryland, and from Past Commander-in-Chief S. S. Horn:

WHEREAS, Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., of New York, has introduced in the Congress of the United States, under date of April 1, 1935, a joint resolution (H. J. Res. 232) authorizing the erection of an equestrian statue of General Robert E. Lee in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, with an appropriation of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, Arlington is a sacred place where rest the bodies of thousands of loyal men who served the Union during the War of the Rebellion; and

WHEREAS, The bestowing of honor and recognition on Robert E. Lee by our Government would be construed as a vindication of his efforts to destroy this nation; and

WHEREAS, Communists and other groups are today seeking the same end that Lee fought four years to gain; namely, the overthrow of our Government, and any national recognition and honor bestowed on him would give these destructive groups the right to believe that it is honorable and justifiable to overthrow this nation; and

WHEREAS, Such bills only serve to keep old wounds open by reminding loyal Americans of the destruction wrought by the slaveholders in their rebellion against this Government, and encourage sectionalism—our motto should be "One Nation and One Flag;" now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, oppose the enactment into law of H. J. Res. 232;

And we direct that copies of this resolution be sent to the Committee on the Library, Representative Hamilton Fish, and to other members of Congress and friends of the Union.

Very respectfully, Helen F. Downing, Chairman, National Legislative Committee, National Patriotic Instructor, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Forty-ninth Annual Encampment, Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Annapolis, Maryland, May 13 and 14, 1935, in Encampment assembled is opposed to the erection of a statue of Robert E. Lee in the Arlington National Cemetery as per Joint Resolution of the two Houses of Congress, H. J. Res. No. 232, introduced by Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York.

This resolution was adopted unanimously. Brother Hammer, will you please submit this resolution to the Commandery-in-Chief for consideration.

Sincerely-Fraternally—Robert S. Valteau, Dept. Com.

Easton, Pa., July 25, 1935.

The Commander-in-Chief,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The National President,

Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary.

I shall be unable to get to the Grand Rapids Encampment, and am therefore bringing to your attention, if not already known, certain legislation pending at Washington, of which I believe cognizance should be taken by our organizations:

H. R. Bill No. 8560—To have the Secretary of the Treasury issue 10,000 medals commemorative of the valor and integrity of Jefferson

Davis, to be delivered to the Principals of the Elementary Schools of South Carolina.

H. R. Bill No. 8561—To have a medal issued commemorative of the valor and integrity of Robert E. Lee in number not to exceed 25,000.

House Joint Resolution No. 232—Appropriating \$50,000.00 for the erection of an equestrian statue to Robert E. Lee at Arlington.

No such honors should be bestowed by this Government to those who were traitors to it and sought its dismemberment. It is an insult to the services of our fathers in their integrity to the Union. The statue of Lee would be within the shadow of the tomb to the Immortal Lincoln at Washington. Besides, Lee never owned Arlington. The Lee homestead was at Stratford, Va., where he was born and it was recently acquired by the Daughters of the Confederacy or the R. E. Lee Memorial Foundation. They tried several years ago to get Arlington but Congress rebelled.

This for your consideration as to any recommendation or action,
Fraternally—S. S. Horn, Past Commander-in-Chief.

WHEREAS, Bills H. R. 8560 and H. R. 8561 have been introduced in Congress by Representative John J. McSwain of South Carolina, and referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, H. R. 8560 authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a medal commemorative of the valor and integrity of Jefferson Davis, to be given elementary schools of South Carolina, and H. R. 8561 authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a medal commemorative of the valor and integrity of General Robert Edward Lee, with provisions similar to those of H. R. 8560; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee headed a movement to destroy this nation, and armed over a million men in endeavoring to accomplish this purpose; and

WHEREAS, The authorizing of medals commemorative of Davis and Lee would lead the children of South Carolina to believe that these enemies of our Government are to be emulated; and

WHEREAS, The passage of these bills would be against public policy and public good; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, do hereby protest against the enactment into law of bills H. R. 8560 and H. R. 8561, and we do hereby urge that the passage of such legislation be vigorously opposed; and we direct that copies of this resolution be sent to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures of the House of Representatives, and to other members of Congress.

Your Committee heartily endorse the sentiment and recommend adoption and further recommend that all legislation honoring Soldiers, Sailors or Marines be confined in the future to those men who fought in defense of our Country, and who have never borne arms against the United States of America. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 4, submitted by Department Commander Crawford of Massachusetts:

WHEREAS, The Post Office Department is issuing commemorative postage stamps; and

WHEREAS, What more important event to our organizations and to the People of the United States than the forming of the Grand Army of the Republic; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we ask Postmaster General of the United States to issue a Commemorative Postage Stamp for the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, same to be on sale at all Post Offices in May, 1936.

Mr. Thomas L. Crawford, Department Commander,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
72 Falmouth Avenue,
Brockton, Massachusetts.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of August 5 to the Postmaster General, with regard to the provision of a special postage stamp in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, has been referred to this office.

Although application for a stamp of this kind has already been placed with the Department, no decision on the matter has been made to date, due to the fact that the anniversary in question does not occur until 1936. Consideration of this application will be deferred until the early part of next year when our stamp program is being formulated.

You may be assured, however, that appropriate attention will be given the matter at a later date.

Very truly yours,

(Signed): CLINTON B. EILENBERGER,
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Your Committee recommend adoption. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 5 submitted by the Department of Maryland:

Washington, D. C., May 9, 1935.

RESOLUTIONS ON IMMIGRATION.

WHEREAS, One of the fundamental purposes and objects of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to oppose all tendencies that may threaten the maintenance of high standards of American citizenship and to favor the exclusion of all aliens unwilling to conform to such standards, and

WHEREAS, As a result of the immigration policy which prevailed in the United States until a recent date, a large number of aliens were admitted who have failed to avail themselves of the privileges, duties and responsibilities of American citizenship and who are a menace to our American ideals and institutions, and

WHEREAS, The recognition by Congress of the necessity of restricting immigration by the passage of the existing "quota laws" has only partially remedied the evils heretofore existing and such evils still exist, and

WHEREAS, This patriotic organization deems it necessary, that all efforts to weaken the existing laws be opposed and that the present laws should be strengthened in many particulars, and, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5, Department of Maryland, now reaffirms the constitutional objects and purposes of our order mentioned in the foregoing recitals and pledges itself to oppose any weakening of the present immigration laws and to work for the adoption of further laws which will still further bar the admission of aliens who would be unsympathetic toward our institutions or otherwise undesirable, and

RESOLVED FURTHER, By Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5, Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in regular meeting assembled, that it propose to the next Departmental En-

campment, to be held at Annapolis, Maryland, on May 13 and 14, 1935, that it recommend to the next National Encampment that it reaffirm the position in this respect heretofore taken by the National Encampment, held at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1930, and recommend that the National Committee on Legislation be directed to consider the question of the adoption of further restrictions upon immigration.

May 13, 1935.

Approved by the Committee on Resolutions and adoption recommended.

Jerome F. Barnard, Chairman; Charles S. Davis,
Horace J. Phelps, James H. Lillie.

Your Committee recommend adoption and that it be referred to the Legislative Committee. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 6, submitted by the Department of Maryland:

To the Officers and Members of the Department of Maryland, Forty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Believing that some mark of distinction should be given the members of our order who have served faithfully therein for a period of fifty or more years continuously, the following resolution is offered for your consideration and adoption.

Be it resolved by action of the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that the Commandery-in-Chief of our organization be asked to authorize and present to every member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who has been a continuous member thereof for a period of fifty years or who shall hereafter so complete fifty years service, an honorary badge, consisting of a ribbon such as is worn by officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, attached to a suitable bar, the design of which to be determined by that body.

Respectfully submitted—Maj. E. R. Campbell, Past Department Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief; Michael Casey, Past Department Commander; D. H. Evans, Past Department Commander.

May 13, 1935.

Approved by the Committee on Resolutions and adoption recommended.

Jerome F. Barnard, Chairman; Charles S. Davis,
Horace J. Phelps, James H. Lillie.

Although your Committee is in accord with this resolution it does not feel the Commandery-in-Chief should bear the burden of the expense attached thereto. We, therefore, recommend that the resolution be adopted and that a committee of three with National Secretary Hammer be appointed to draw up a suitable design, submit to the next Encampment, and we further recommend that the badges be sold to Departments or Camps for presentation to members. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 7 submitted by the Department of Indiana:

WHEREAS, Now for more than one and a half centuries, the Constitution of the United States of America, has been the basic law of our land, and the charter of our American liberties, under whose beneficent provisions and guaranties our nation has taken her place among the foremost nations of the world; and

WHEREAS, There are, from many quarters, growing tendencies, and obvious efforts to minimize, and even flagrantly flaunt and dis-

regard the sanctity and integrity of our Constitution; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Encampment assembled in Grand Rapids, Michigan, thus *publicly* reaffirm our individual pledges given at the time of our initiation, "to support the Constitution of the United States, and to defend it against all enemies," and that we respectfully urge all other patriotic groups to *publicly* reaffirm their pledges of loyalty especially as respects fidelity to our Constitution.

Your Committee recommends adoption and that this resolution be referred to the incoming Legislative Committee. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 8, submitted by the Department of Wisconsin:

RESOLVED, By the Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled at Oshkosh, Wis., June 12, 1935, that we favor the material reduction of the salary of the National Secretary-Treasurer and to reduce the per capita tax accordingly, and be it further

RESOLVED, That our National Delegates and Past Department Commanders attending the Grand Rapids National Encampment be requested to work to accomplish the purposes of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, properly certified, be transmitted to the National Secretary-Treasurer for presentation to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.—C. D. Donaldson, Chairman; R. P. Plummer, and F. A. Kremer, Committee on Resolutions.

We recommend that this resolution be referred to the Committee on Program and Policy as we understand they have that matter under consideration. (Committee sustained).

Commander-in-Chief, that concludes the Committee's report for the present.

Council-in-Chief Isaacs: We have adopted important resolutions and I hope they won't simply be adopted. I ask that the Press Committee be instructed to get in touch without delay with the Associated Press so that these resolutions may be printed in the newspapers at once.

Delegate W. R. Herrlein, of Pennsylvania: I move we recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Reeger of New Jersey. Carried).

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

September 12, 1935.

The fourth and last session of the Encampment was called to order at 9:40 o'clock by Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner, who introduced the members of the Betsy Ross Quartette of the Daughters of Union Veterans of Ohio. This quartette is known as the official quartette of the Ohio Grand Army of the Republic. They entertained with the following numbers: "The Old Rugged Cross;" "Ain't Gwine Study, Lord, No Moah;" and "The Other Side."

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Thank you for the splendid entertainment. You have given us a grand start for the day. (Quartette escorted out).

The Encampment was opened in form.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Commander, the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies presents its report:

The Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans:

We have received but three communications for our consideration.

From the Department of Ohio, adopted at its June Encampment:

Recommendation of Ritual and Ceremony Committee of the 10th District as presented to the Ohio Department in Encampment in Columbus:

1st. That the short form of initiation be used only on extraordinary occasions.—Committee does not approve. (Committee sustained).

2nd. That the placing of the American Creed in the opening ceremony to follow the Pledge of Allegiance on page 10, of the Ritual.—Approved by Committee. (Committee sustained).

3rd. The return of the grip and hailing sign of the Order, to follow the instruction to candidates in gaining admission into the Camp room—page 21 of the ritual.—Not approved by the Committee. (Sustained).

4th. The Guide to shake hands with each brother as he takes up the password and countersign. The instructions to be placed on page 8 of the ritual.—Not approved by Committee. (Sustained).

5. The Guide to give that part of the initiation now given by the Commander, in which the candidates are given the password and countersign and instructed in gaining admission to the Camp room. Page 21 of the Ritual.—Approved by Committee. (Sustained).

6th. Change the position of either the Guide or Color Bearer to the left of the Commander's station, thus making a more uniform appearance when they approach the altar together.—Approved by Committee. (Sustained).

No. 2, from Department Commander of Massachusetts:

Section in Ritual under Installation of Officers Charge to Chaplain to be added "You will make a report to the Department Chaplain on blanks furnished for that purpose." (Approved by Committee. Sustained).

No. 3, from the Department of Maryland:

WHEREAS, The sixth paragraph of Article II of the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Purposes and Objects, states the following to be among the purposes and objects of our order:

"To teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our flag,"

BE IT RESOLVED, by Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5, Department of Maryland, in regular meeting assembled, that it propose to the next Departmental Encampment to be held at Annapolis, Maryland, on May 13 and 14, 1935, that the Ritual be appropriately amended so as to provide in the Order of Business, just preceding the heading "Good of the Order," for the discussion and presentation of some subject concerning the Constitution of the United States, at the regular meetings of the Camps and that such action be recommended to the next National Encampment.

Your Committee concur in this recommendation. (Committee sustained).

I move the report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremony be approved and the committee discharged. (Motion seconded. Carried).

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Council Chairman Cramer: Your Council-in-Chief submits the following report:

The organization meeting of the Council-in-Chief was held immediately following adjournment of the last Commandery-in-Chief Encampment in Rochester, New York, August 16, 1934, at which time Kenneth F. Cramer was elected Chairman and Julius Isaacs, Secretary.

The Council-in-Chief met subsequently at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1935, at which time it gave careful consideration to the financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief. It was voted to suspend publication of The Banner during the months of April and June, 1935, in order to improve the financial standing of the organization.

The next meeting of the Council-in-Chief was held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Monday, September 9, 1935, at which time it was apparent that the Commandery-in-Chief would experience a substantial deficit in the budget adopted at the Rochester Encampment. While the balance on hand as of September 7th was reported \$4,445.29, nevertheless there are outstanding obligations and anticipated expenses in connection with the Encampment amounting to approximately \$5,588.50, leaving a deficit of approximately \$1,143.21, which had to be taken into consideration in the preparation of the budget for 1935-1936.

The budget for the ensuing year is predicated on 23,777 members. The final membership for the present year is 26,418. The approximate decline in membership during the past year has been 10%. It is the opinion of your Council-in-Chief that in order to be on the safe side, a further decline of 10% should be anticipated for the ensuing year, and that the Encampment would not be justified in approving

a budget on any other premise. On a per capita tax of 36c this would yield \$8,559.72, to which should be added receipts from all other sources, \$1,405.00, or a total of \$9,964.72.

A detailed list of expenditures is based upon a careful revision of last year's budget, in view of the actual expenditures found necessary in the year just closing. We comment on some of the items involved.

The item of "Stock and Supplies" has been reduced from \$1,000.00 to \$650.00, the actual expense for the current year was \$618.05. The appropriation for The Banner is set up at \$2,400.00, based on six issues published bi-monthly. The Council-in-Chief is reluctant to recommend this curtailment but finds it absolutely necessary if the organization is to live within its income.

The salary of the Secretary-Treasurer is reduced from \$3,300.00 to \$2,200.00 per annum. This step, too, is recommended to the Encampment with great reluctance in view of the long, faithful, and valuable service rendered by the incumbent of that office.

Office expenses are reduced slightly as are also the expenses of the Commander-in-Chief. The only new provision found in the budget is an appropriation of \$150.00 to the Committee on Program and Policy.

The total expense budgeted amounts to \$8,595.00, which with the deficit estimated in the budget of the current year, 1934-1935, makes an amount of \$9,738.21, or \$226.51 less than the estimated receipts.

The Council-in-Chief has examined the books of the Secretary-Treasurer and found them to be correct.

THE READING TRUST COMPANY
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September 7, 1935.

To the Council-in-Chief,
Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Gentlemen:

We hereby certify that the balance to the credit of H. H. Hammer, Treasurer of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this date is \$4,450.29.

Very truly yours,

E. P. SCHAEFFER,
Assistant Treasurer.

BUDGET

Estimated Receipts:

Per Capita Tax—23,777 members at 36c.....	\$8,559.72
Charter Fees	30.00
Supplies	1,350.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	25.00
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	\$9,964.72

Estimated Expenditures:

General Expense:

Stock Supplies	\$ 650.00
The Banner	2,400.00
Encampment, 1936	1,000.00
Printing, etc.	50.00
Shipping Supplies	60.00
Salaries	2,200.00
Bonds of National Officers	30.00

Committee on Marking Graves	55.00
Committee on Program and Policy	150.00
Office Expense	800.00
Expenses of Commander-in-Chief	1,000.00
Miscellaneous and Contingent Expense, including Commander-in-Chief's Badge	200.00
Estimated Deficit, 1934-1935	<u>1,143.21</u>
	\$9,738.21
Not Allocated	226.51
	<u>\$9,964.72</u>

Specifically the Council-in-Chief recommends (1) that the per capita tax be continued at 36c; (2) that the budget as presented be adopted; (3) that Recommendation No. 5 of the Commander-in-Chief yesterday referred to the Council-in-Chief be continued to the 1936 Encampment.

KENNETH F. CRAMER,
JULIUS ISAACS
GEORGE N. BEIL,
Council-in-Chief.

I move that the report be accepted and the recommendations contained in the report adopted. (Seconded by Delegate Salisbury of New York).

Past Department Commander Locke: The report recommends that the per capita tax remain at 36c per year for the coming year. Your Committee on Program and Policy have a recommendation in connection with our per capita tax, and in order to know whether or not our recommendation is in conflict with the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief, I would like to know for what length of time this recommendation is in effect.

Chairman Cramer: The recommendation of the Council-in-Chief is in effect until June 30, 1936.

Past Department Commander Locke: Then the per capita tax could be changed now effective a year hence?

Chairman Cramer: This recommendation is binding only until July 1, 1936. (Motion put and vote was in favor of the motion).

Chairman Cramer: In view of the fact that the contract with The Banner is expiring soon and will need to be regulated on a slightly different basis, I move that the terms be left to the Commander-in-Chief, to the National Secretary-Treasurer and to your Council-in-Chief, provided the expenditure does not exceed the amount allocated in the budget, of \$2,400.00.

Past Department Commander Locke: I wonder if you would just as soon leave that until after the report of the Committee on Program and Policy? I move that the motion be tabled temporarily. (Seconded and carried).

GRAND ARMY OF REPUBLIC GREETINGS COMMITTEE.

The Greetings Committee from the Grand Army of the Republic was announced and the members were escorted in by the members of the Sons' Greetings Committee to the Grand Army. The Grand Army Committee composed Past Commander-in-Chief Foster of Massa-

chusetts, Past Department Commander Taggart of Ohio, and Department Commander George W. Green of Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army in selecting this Committee has favored me, when he sent a Past Commander-in-Chief and the Department Commander, both, of my own Department, and a Past Department Commander of Ohio. It is my proud privilege, although he needs no introduction because he is a member of our own organization, to present to you Past Commander-in-Chief Foster of Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Foster: Commander-in-Chief, my dear brothers, Sons of Union Veterans, I can't explain to you so that you would understand that you are listening to me today in a different voice. It is different than the voice I used to have previous to the time I had to give up my work in obtaining pensions for our old boys. As some of you know, I have been credited by all of our old boys with having secured the greatest number of pensions for them and their widows. I had been working night and day, when I was taken with a condition that compelled me to stop working, and I have spent the past two years in trying to find out what was wrong with me. I had nine doctors and four specialists and God only knows how many others and they all said they couldn't cure me. I lost twenty-eight pounds. Finally, I found out what was wrong. It was nothing but nerves. Now, I am out again and beginning to talk, and, thank God, I have hope of remaining here a long time and of being able to do those duties that I have been doing not only for the old boys, but the younger boys here, my Sons of Union Veterans.

Now, speaking of the Sons of Union Veterans. I haven't been anywhere. I haven't done any work, but I know I am going into it. I am going to try and be with you boys and commence all over again. I am one of you. Have you been working? There is one thing that I want to feel satisfied about and that is to know that our boys are not to be disappointed, and I don't believe they will be. You came from the men—the greatest men this country ever knew. We are looking forward to our Sons of Veterans and we are depending on them to make a showing.

Sometimes you don't take advantage of your opportunities. I hope to live to see the time when every Son of a Veteran will come to their meetings and wear their uniform. I say that for this reason, when I was talking in your favor to our boys they said: "Why are you so interested in the boys?" and I said: "Because I belong to them and I am proud of them." I had a son in the Spanish-American War and one in the World War and they are both Sons of Union Veterans. I simply say to you now boys, this uniform means so much. At one time I was talking to one of our veterans and I said, "Why are you so down on our Sons of Union Veterans?" And he said, "Why don't they put on their uniform?"

Boys, today it is going to depend on you. We expect that you will follow on and that you will do the work that we are leaving, and you are capable of doing it if you would only get together and fight together. Nothing is needed more today than the patriotism of these boys and you will realize that you are going to have a harder time than our dear old boys.

Today there are 464 old boys who have registered. Five years ago the people said we would have only one more Encampment—we would go to only one more place. Why, God bless them, they don't want to quit and they won't quit until they know surely that their work will be carried on. And that work is going to be left to you

boys and to your Auxiliary and you are capable of carrying it on. There is lots of work to do; so, get to work and do it. And, we are going to continue to be with you until the last spark of life remains.

This is the first time I have tried to talk. I may have said things I ought not to have said; but, I meant well. I have confidence in my boys.

Past Department Commander Taggart: Commander and boys, I am very glad indeed to bring greetings from the Comrades of Ohio. I shall not attempt to say much. Only a remnant of that once great army is passing in review now. Those old boys are like the star of time, shedding their light in the morning sun, but they will always be remembered for what they have done.

Department Commander Green of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I must say I have been happy to call you my old pal and I still consider it my privilege to call you that.

I am not a Son of a Veteran, but I am interested in the Sons of Union Veterans. I know how much we need them, more and more every year. They are carrying on our work and we believe they will continue. I have been suffering from quite a severe illness and I was hardly able to get here to this Encampment. Against all the protests I insisted in taking my place at the head of Massachusetts veterans and marched in the line. I had the pleasure for the first time of attending your Sons' services and I certainly enjoyed it.

I bring you the greetings of the Massachusetts Department, Grand Army of the Republic, and also the greetings of the Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic over in our Encampment. I certainly wish for you all a most happy convention and I hope you will add a great many more members.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: We have certainly appreciated the greetings of our fathers. The chairman of the Council-in-Chief, Senator Cramer, will respond.

Council-in-Chief Chairman Cramer: Comrades of the Grand Army; I consider this a very proud moment to be given the high privilege of answering the greetings extended to this Encampment by the comrades of my grandfather who served in the 97th New York. I am particularly happy in this privilege to say of Connecticut, the Department which I have the honor to represent, and which is this day observing the 300th anniversary of its founding, and to Massachusetts and to Ohio and to the many other states of this Union, that as they have fought in the past, so they will fight in the future.

America has always held most dear the memory of her soldiers. It may be that from time to time it has appeared that America was turning from her soldiers, but not for long. All we need to do is to watch the thin line march down the streets and watch the respect accorded them by Americans of every age, from the smallest child to the oldest adult.

I was impressed with what the Past Commander-in-Chief had to say concerning our organization. To my mind, he presented a challenge to the Sons of Union Veterans. I felt he was justified in asking us what we have been doing, and the answer, my brothers, rests with us.

Further, I was amused to hear him say that some five years ago it was said that the Encampment was the last. A soldier never quits and I know that the Grand Army will continue to hold their meetings because they will never quit until the last veteran passes to his reward.

Your Committee recommends that the jurisdiction of the Order be divided into four regions as follows:

The NEW ENGLAND Region, to consist of the Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island;

The EASTERN Region, to consist of the Departments of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Alabama and Tennessee;

The CENTRAL Region, to consist of the Departments of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Colorado & Wyoming, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin;

The PACIFIC Region, to consist of the Departments of California, Oregon, and Washington.

We recommend that the practice of holding a meeting in each of these regions as soon after the National Encampment as practicable be followed, together with such additional meetings as may be determined by each region and that tentative forms of organization be provided therefor by the Commander-in-Chief and the Committee on Program and Policy until otherwise provided by the Commander-in-Chief.

Your Committee strongly urges that all Departments function under the so-called District plan. Your Committee feels that no hard or fixed rules should be provided by the Commander-in-Chief for this method of the promotion of interest and activity and feels that this matter should be determined entirely by each Department.

Your Committee particularly desires to call to the attention of the membership and all Department officers that in attempting to make effective the plan of Program and Policy adopted at the Rochester Encampment, that our Auxiliary should be considered in its true sense as the ally and supporter of the Sons of Union Veterans.

We believe that the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary should be invited to join with our several Departments and Camps in the endeavor to make effective the plans and purposes of the Order. We believe that the work and the aims of both organizations would be materially aided and advanced if there could be brought about a closer co-operation of effort between the two organizations.

The continued reduction of membership with resulting decrease of revenue has produced a condition where there is grave doubt as to the possibility of continuing the publication of The Banner in the same manner as heretofore. This matter has been discussed by this Committee in connection with the Council-in-Chief and the publisher of The Banner. However, not having the necessary information upon which to base a conclusion, it has been found impossible to reach a well founded conclusion at the present time. Inasmuch as the present contract does not expire until December 31st of the current year, we recommend that all questions involved in the matter of our official organ be referred, with power to act, to a special committee consisting of the Council-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and the Commander-in-Chief.

Unfortunately, constant reference must be made to loss of revenue. The present rate of per capita tax has been in effect for many years. Your Committee feels, and has reached this conclusion unanimously, that an increase of one cent (1c) per quarter must of necessity be made if we are to continue to function without material curtailment of activities.

Inasmuch as all Departments have made and approved their bud-

gets for the current year, we recommend that the per capita tax shall be 10c per member per quarter beginning with the third quarter, 1936.

We ratify and reaffirm the Platform and Declaration of Principles adopted at the Rochester Encampment, and call upon every Department and Camp within the order, with full force and vigor, and with the stimulation occasioned by our most priceless heritage, to make the same effective throughout every community.

JOHN E. SAUTTER,
FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ,
W. J. HICKOX,
PERLE L. FOUCH,
P. F. YENGLING,
C. D. DONALDSON,
H. H. HAMMER,
RICHARD F. LOCKE.

For the purpose of bringing this matter before the Encampment for suggestions or criticisms, or any changes you may see fit to make, I move that this report be adopted. (Seconded by Delegate W. J. Schultz of Ohio).

The Committee wants full discussion on any and all portions of this report.

National Secretary Hammer: Will you read that section again about the per capita tax on members under twenty-one years of age?

Chairman Locke: Your Committee recommends to the several Departments where difficulty has been experienced in the retention of younger members upon the roll by reason of failure to pay Camp dues, that it may be desirable to provide that Camps shall pay but one-half of the per capita tax rate on all members under twenty-one years of age.

This is merely a suggestion to Departments that they might reduce their per capita tax on these younger members in order to make it possible for the Camps to reduce their dues, and, perhaps, retaining the membership of these boys who are yet in school or unemployed. It is merely a suggestion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I move an amendment to Brother Locke's motion that the recommendations be read separately and acted upon. (Seconded by Delegate Kaestle of Ohio. Carried).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I think sometimes it takes a lot of courage to make a stand against something as ambitious as this report. I am against anything which gives no opportunity to the man back home for his suggestions. I received a copy of the Illinois Plan and a list of suggestions for the Committee to consider. Knowing I would be unable to meet with the Committee, I wrote to Brother Locke, giving my reaction to this, and with your permission I will read a part of that letter.

Dear Brother Locke:

I have just received your letter of the 3rd inst., saying you had had no reply to your communication of August 19 which was a notification of a meeting of your Committee for 10 o'clock Sunday morning, September 8, at Grand Rapids.

The communication did not ask for a reply and since it was simply a notification of a meeting, I did not and do not think a reply was required. One is very fortunate these busy days if he can surely figure ahead so far, with many nearer things requiring attention.

It is very doubtful if I can be present. I cannot spare too much time away now and am not inclined to give Sunday in addition to the regular days of the Encampment.

I have looked over the circular enclosed with the notice and my reaction to it at present is that the program is too ambitious and extensive for our Organization with its great variation in numbers in Departments as well as local Camps to absorb, attend to and carry out. And if it should be promulgated and not carried out will become a dead letter and worse in effect on the Organization in the breach than in the observance.

We have neither the money, nor the personnel to make a plan like this effective.

Our finances are shot and rapidly becoming more and more depleted. Many of our most prominent members are busy men who will not, even though interested in the Order and its fundamental purpose, give any more time to it than they are now giving and many others are neither equipped to do so or able to.

My feeling is we are liable to be asking too much and will hurt rather than help by such asking.

Our main job is to carry on the Memorial Day work—and like days—and perpetuate the memory of our fathers and care for those of them who are left and the dependents. I feel we should build up our membership on that basis primarily. Other than that the remaining objects of our Order do not distinguish us from other Patriotic bodies. They are those which are common to all good American citizens and like organizations.

As I have said above—our Departments—and local Camps—vary so greatly in numbers, in personnel, and in willingness to work—for whatever reason—as to make it difficult, if not quite impossible to formulate a broad and general program like this which will be acceptable, much less to undertake or attempt to enforce it.

We shall do well to concentrate on doing one thing well—and that a job which it will be possible for the weakest Camp to participate in and taste the joy of success. And when that is done, take up the next—and the next, and so on.

If we attempt too much or things too great or ambitious for us and scatter our efforts, we shall be “just another Patriotic Organization”—and with our well understood present weaknesses become less of an Order meriting approval.

One thing further—this, or any plan which radically alters “things as they are,” should not be put over at one Encampment—nor without being thoroughly studied, understood and digested—and by that I mean,—not alone by a Committee such as ours,—but by each Department and also by each local Camp to discover its implications and possibilities as well as its weaknesses.

The plans offered at Rochester had little consideration by the Encampment and none at all by “the man back home” who will be intimately affected and upon whom will eventually rest the responsibility of carrying it out. That should not again occur. The plans if any, submitted after approval of the Committee should be transmitted to each Department and to the rank and file, if you please, for at least a year’s careful study.

Since I am doubtful of being able to attend this meeting of the Committee I am sending you these rather hasty thoughts, for whatever they may be worth. I feel you may assume that in a very general way, I am not favorable to the plan proposed, because I do not feel

it will effect the results hoped for and will probably not be enthusiastically carried out—and because if there were an enthusiastic wish for it, I do not think we have the resources nor the personnel to carry it out. So, perhaps it is just as well that I may not be present.

With expressions of personal regard,

Very truly yours,

WM. ALLAN DYER.

Past Department Commander Craig: This letter expresses Brother Dyer's views very well, but are we not now considering whether this report shall be acted upon section by section or in toto?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dyer: In regard to finances, I am a business man and I like to have my feet on the ground. We do not have the money to carry out these ideas.

Department Commander Crow, California & Pacific: I appreciate our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief's remarks, but I am going to speak to you from the viewpoint of the grandsons. Our Order of Sons has to be something more than it is now to interest these younger men. I received a report of this Illinois Plan and after reading that over, I found ideas for the work in my Department, and we are developing plans to be worked out. We have got to be progressive or we are dead. I compliment Brother Locke very highly on that plan. I believe that it is going to put new blood and life in this organization. There is nothing in it that every Department Commander should not understand if he will take the time to read it over. I feel that if that plan is carried on, we will grow. There is nothing that we have heard to compare with it and if you will just put it into effect in the several Departments, we will get something accomplished. Brother Locke has spent much time on it and deserves a lot of credit.

Chairman Locke: For the purpose of securing an understanding of what is before us, may I make this statement? It is true that I sent to Brother Dyer some time ago an outline of the Illinois Plan. It was sent to him as it was sent to many others, purely for informative purposes. While the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief endorsed the Illinois Plan, it must not be construed that such endorsement carried with it the insistence of every Department working under the plan in the same manner which it is being put into effect in Illinois. The Illinois Plan as endorsed by the Commandery-in-Chief is only a generalization looking to making effective the objects and purposes for which we are organized and there is no occasion, nor has it ever been suggested by anyone, that exactly the same methods should be adopted in all Departments. Local conditions should in all cases determine the methods of operation. But that is not the subject under discussion. The question before the Encampment is whether or not this report of the Committee on Program and Policy shall be adopted in its entirety or shall first be taken up section by section, and certainly there can be no objection to the latter method, and undoubtedly the members of the Encampment will be much better informed with the subject matter of this report if it is discussed and acted upon section by section.

The report is very largely suggestive only. I hope you will listen attentively in order that you may see that there is nothing being forced down your throats. We are trying to serve you. We are trying to help you find a way in which interest may be aroused. We hope you will take it in that spirit. We are trying to be helpful; that is all.

(Unanimously agreed to consider the report section by section).

Chairman Locke: Publicity. It has been found that publicity of the right character can be secured but it must be properly directed and it must be sane and of such character as will appeal not alone to those eligible to membership but to the public at large. It is believed that there should be a publicity director in every Department, who may also be the Press Correspondent, and that there should be like designation of authority for Districts and also for Camps. Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of this section. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling. Carried).

Co-operation. We announce to all patriotic Americans, no matter with which patriotic society they may be connected, that we believe sincerely in the co-operation of all patriotic groups for the furtherance of a common purpose. With this statement in mind, we approve the action of the Fifty-first Annual Encampment in the matter of the affiliation of the Sons of Union Veterans with the American Coalition and recommend that the Commander-in-Chief be instructed to attend the next annual meeting of that association. With reference to closer affiliation with the various groups of the Grand Army family, we make no recommendation, that matter having been heretofore disposed of by this Encampment.

I move the adoption of this section. (Seconded by Delegate W. J. Schultz of Ohio. Adopted).

Chairman Locke: Discipline. Your Committee has had brought to its notice the fact that every Commander-in-Chief for many years has been confronted with inability to carry out the plans and purposes for the good of the Order by reason of the failure of many Department officers to function as provided by the regulations. The matter of the advisability of providing greater authority in the Commander-in-Chief to remove Department officers who fail in the performance of their duty with particular reference to the handling of correspondence, is a matter which we believe should receive serious consideration on the part of Commandery-in-Chief and Department officers with a view to drastic action in the event conditions fail to improve during the ensuing year. This is simply a recommendation that the matter be given consideration in order that the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief may take such action necessary in the event conditions do not improve during the coming year. This does not involve a change of laws at this time. (Section adopted).

Chairman Locke: Your Committee recommends to the several Departments where difficulty has been experienced in the retention of younger members upon the roll by reason of failure to pay Camp dues, that it may be desirable to provide that Camps shall pay but one-half of the per capita tax rate on all members under twenty-one years of age.

This is not a recommendation; it is merely a suggestion of policy which might be followed.

Council-in-Chief Chairman Cramer: I am very sorry this did not come to the attention of your Council-in-Chief before this. You are now bound by action of this Encampment to a 36c per capita tax.

Committee Chairman Locke: This is a matter solely up to the Departments and has nothing to do whatsoever with the Commandery-in-Chief tax. (Section adopted).

Registration Fee. For the purpose of providing additional income your Committee recommends that a registration fee of two dollars be charged to voting members of the Commandery-in-Chief at all future Encampments, the proceeds thereof to be used for the purpose of paying the expense of activities during the Encampment with particular

reference to activities for the benefit and entertainment of the Grand Army.

National Secretary Hammer: We should not do that. It is not democratic and not the proper thing. I don't think we ought to penalize those who attend these Encampments. It is like charging an admission fee.

Past Department Commander Coen of Illinois: At the Illinois Encampment we passed a resolution whereby a one dollar registration fee is to be charged at all Department Encampments. Some of the boys probably do not realize that organizations such as ours, and the allied organizations, are honored because of our affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic. Will we have the same consideration from Grand Rapids and the other cities we visit after the Grand Army cease holding their encampments? Will it not be necessary for us to increase our revenue? Will all these courtesies be extended to us? I believe that Brother Locke's idea on that registration fee is to take care of the expense of these Encampments when we can no longer receive the same courtesies extended to us now.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Is it understood that if this recommendation is adopted it is effective at the next annual session of this body? (Chairman Locke: Yes.) Not being a change in the law, will it be possible to repeal this provision in the event of its adoption? (Chairman Locke answers affirmatively).

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Several organizations are doing this very thing and raising money to defray the expenses of their conventions by charging such a fee. Such organizations as the Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions Club, are using some such method as this.

Department Commander Farrington, Vermont: I know of several patriotic organizations doing the same thing—the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Forty and Eight.

Delegate Watrouse, Illinois: All Post Office organizations are now charging a registration fee at their conventions.

National Secretary Hammer: Many of our members can't afford this and you will be keeping them away. Last year we increased the delegate representation and today we have the largest Encampment in twenty years. Now are you going to make it harder for these delegates to attend by making them pay for attending Encampments? We ought not do this.

National Counselor Heintz: This applies not only to the Encampment next year, but it applies to all future Encampments. It has always been a source of embarrassment to me that the other allied organizations make valuable contributions to the Grand Army of the Republic and we never give them anything or show them the tribute the other organizations show them. There are two kinds of tributes—financial and oral. It seems that the Sons of Veterans have been giving their tributes to their fathers orally. Another thing, this is the first time we have ever left anything in the Convention city to show that we have been present. I think we should have this fund for the activities of the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: You might be interested in the reaction of the Conference of which I used to be a member in Indiana. A fee was decided to be charged—a two dollar registration fee. Of course, the membership was on a somewhat different basis. The convention attendance found the two dollar fee acted as a deterrent. It was reduced to one dollar. That seemed to satisfy for a time. Now that fee has been reduced to fifty cents and there has

been found an increased attendance since the reduction from the \$1.00 fee to the 50c fee. I think this is worthy of your consideration.

Brother Heintz mentioned the fact that we have not been making monetary contributions to the Grand Army. I wonder what approximate amount of money there is at the present time in the Grand Army fund and what will be the future of that fund. Horace, do you know?

National Secretary Hammer: On July 10, 1934, reports showed a balance of \$22,000.00.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: How is each Encampment taken care of, by state contributions?

National Secretary Hammer: State Legislatures and Cities through appropriations provide funds for expenses. These include the entertainment we all have; badges for all delegates to each of the various Encampments, printing, reviewing stands, band, halls for sessions of the respective Allied Orders, receptions, campfire of the G. A. R., hotel expenses for headquarters officials. Sometimes concessions include rooms for Headquarters Officers of the affiliated Orders. The small sum secured from our proposed registration fee would not figure in or toward G. A. R. Encampment expenses. Years ago we always made a contribution to the Grand Army, our Commander-in-Chief presenting it at the official campfire, the last time—Encampment of 1925—the amount of \$500. We discontinued it upon the advice of Grand Army officials because it was not needed. Conditions now possibly would make it acceptable but certainly not for their Encampment activities, which are provided for by the funds from State and City having the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I am sure it is unnecessary that we should feel any embarrassment because of the fact that we make only oral contributions to the Grand Army.

Past Department Commander Fouch, Michigan: Your Committee on Program and Policy has given a great deal of consideration to this matter. We felt we did not want to recommend a fee that would be in excess of an amount any member could pay and it was finally decided that a two dollar fee would be the right amount. The Grand Army appreciate the material tributes made to them, and if we are ever going to do anything for them, we should do it now. I am not insisting as a member of this Committee, but I am asking you as brother members to give consideration to the good and worthy features of this recommendation.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I have assumed that we were doing our duty when we looked after their welfare and when we decorate a million graves every year. What more are we supposed to do?

Past Department Commander Hiland, Minnesota: Of course we are doing our duty when we decorate graves. We should do more than that. If this registration fee is going to give us a fund to do things with, I think we should have it.

Department Commander Stoult, Pennsylvania: Is this registration fee for the entertainment of the Grand Army? Isn't that an obligation of the Encampment city? Who needs the money? Does the Grand Army need the money of the Sons of Union Veterans?

Delegate Morrill, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, a lot of the members are working people and can barely afford to attend these meetings. We try to increase this membership. I have traveled a thousand miles whether I can afford it or not. Many of them, if they know of this two dollar fee, will stay at home. Two dollars isn't a

lot to some of the members, but it is a lot when you haven't got it. Of course, these other organizations have such fees, but they comprise business and professional men. They have money. Why don't you try and get it from your Departments and Camps?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that his proposition be referred to each Department Encampment at their next session and the action taken be given to the Commandery-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: What good will that do? Vote it down now and be done with it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I am suggesting this to get the reaction of the Departments. What we do now does not bind us fifty years from now. This would act merely as a referendum to the Departments for their decision.

National Secretary Hammer: It is not the business of Departments as to the individuals or delegates representing them obliged to pay a fee to attend Commandery-in-Chief Encampments.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: If we adopt the recommendation of the Committee, we are charging the delegates a two dollar registration fee. If you adopt my motion, you refer the matter to the Departments to get their reaction.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hickox: I second Brother Sautter's motion.

National Secretary Hammer: If this is referred to the Departments what is to be done after that?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: If the majority are in favor, I think it should be adopted.

The motion was carried.

Chairman Locke: For some time I have been worried about the condition of the Sons, and I am glad to know there is still a little fight left in them. Membership at Large. Your Committee heartily concur in the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief that there be a membership at large, and recommends that provisions therefor be made at this or at the next Encampment. (Section adopted).

Regions. Your Committee recommends that the jurisdiction of the Order be divided into four regions as follows:

The **NEW ENGLAND** Region, to consist of the Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island;

The **EASTERN** Region, to consist of the Departments of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Alabama & Tennessee;

The **CENTRAL** Region, to consist of the Departments of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Colorado & Wyoming, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin;

The **PACIFIC** Region, to consist of the Departments of California, Oregon, and Washington. (Section adopted).

We recommend that the practice of holding a meeting in each of these regions as soon after the National Encampment as practicable be followed together with such additional meetings as may be determined by such a region and that tentative forms of organization be provided therefor by the Commander-in-Chief and the Committee on Program and Policy until otherwise provided by the Commandery-in-Chief. (Section adopted).

Your Committee strongly urges that all Departments function under the so-called District Plan. Your Committee feels that no hard

or fixed rules should be provided by the Commandery-in-Chief for the method of the promotion of interest and activity and feels that this matter should be determined entirely by each Department. (Section adopted).

Your Committee particularly desires to call to the attention of the membership and all Department officers that in attempting to make effective the plan of Program and Policy adopted at the Rochester Encampment, that our Auxiliary should be considered in its true sense as the ally and supporter of the Sons of Union Veterans.

We believe that the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary should be invited to join with our several Departments and Camps in the endeavor to make effective the plans and purposes of the Order. We believe that the work and the aims of both organizations would be materially aided and advanced if there could be brought about a closer co-operation of effort between the two organizations.

I move the adoption of this section by a rising vote. (Seconded. Carried).

The continued reduction of membership with resulting decrease of revenue has produced a condition where there is grave doubt as to the possibility of continuing the publication of The Banner in the same manner as heretofore. This matter has been discussed by this Committee in connection with the Council-in-Chief and the publisher of The Banner. However, not having the necessary information upon which to base a conclusion, it has been found impossible to reach a well founded conclusion at the present time. Inasmuch as the present contract does not expire until December 31st of the current year, we recommend that all questions involved in the matter of our official organ be referred, with power to act, to a special committee consisting of the Council-in-Chief, the National Secretary, and the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Is this not the same thing the Council recommended?

Council-in-Chief Chairman Cramer: The only difference is that the recommendation coming from the Council specified that the amount expended should not exceed the \$2400 set up in the budget, which, at the request of the Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee, was laid on the table temporarily.

Chairman Locke: I agree there is no difference except the limitation on the amount to be expended. I assume the Commandery-in-Chief would not object to any increase in that amount in the event the necessary funds are secured from sources other than per capita tax, of which there is a remote possibility—and yet, a possibility. (Section adopted).

Chairman Locke: Unfortunately, constant reference must be made to loss of revenue. The present rate of per capita tax has been in effect for many years. Your Committee feels, and has reached this conclusion unanimously—that an increase of one cent (1c) per quarter must of necessity be made if we are to continue to function without material curtailment of activities. Inasmuch as all Departments have made and approved their budgets for the current year, we recommend that the per capita tax shall be ten cents (10c) per member per quarter beginning with the third quarter, July, 1936.

It must be apparent to the members now of the absolute necessity of increased revenue for our organization if we are to continue to function. We are giving opportunity to the various Departments to

adopt their budgets to take care of this increased expense. I move the adoption of the recommendation.

Council-in-Chief Chairman Cramer: The report of the Council-in-Chief recommended that the per capita tax shall be 36c per member per year. Is this effective after June 30th, 1936?

Chairman Locke: Your recommendation provides for a per capita tax for the year beginning July 1, 1935, and ending June 30, 1936. This recommendation provides that the per capita tax shall be 40c per annum for the year beginning July 1, 1936. There is nothing in conflict. This is done for the purpose of giving the Departments time to prepare their next budget in accordance with this action. (Section adopted).

We ratify and reaffirm the Platform and Declaration of Principles adopted at the Rochester Encampment, and call upon every Department and Camp within the Order, with full force and vigor, and with the stimulation occasioned by our most priceless heritage, to make the same effective throughout every community.

I move the adoption of this section by a rising vote. (Seconded. Carried).

Chairman Locke: Commander-in-Chief, this covers the report of the Committee in its entirety. I move that the report of the Committee on Program and Policy be accepted, approved and adopted, except as the same has been modified and amended by action of the Encampment. (Seconded. Carried).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Your Committee on Resolutions has one additional resolution to offer at this time:

WHEREAS, We have been delightfully entertained by the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in our Fifty-fourth National Encampment, desire to express our thanks for the uniform courtesies extended by the officials of the City of Grand Rapids, by the managers of the various hotels, the local civic and patriotic organizations, the Boy Scouts, and by the press.

I move the adoption of this resolution by a rising vote. (Motion carried).

This concludes the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

(Signed by) E. W. HOMAN, Past Com.-in-Chief.
 HOWARD W. AMELI, Com., N. Y. Dept.
 E. F. REAM, P. D. C., Illinois.
 CARL F. SATTLER, Com., Ohio Dept.

I move the entire report be accepted and the committee discharged. Motion carried).

REPORT ON G. A. R. MEMORIAL FUND.

National Patriotic Instructor Donaldson: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Encampment, I have the honor to report on the Fund for a Memorial for the Grand Army of the Republic which was presented with an appropriate program to the Ryerson Library in the city of Grand Rapids yesterday.

This memorial is the result of a suggestion to me by our Commander-in-Chief, who asked me to raise a fund for a memorial for

the Grand Army of the Republic and present it to the city of Grand Rapids at this Encampment, through the Department Patriotic Instructors of the several Departments. This is the first time in the history of our beloved Order that such a thing has been done.

At the suggestion of the Commander-in-Chief I did not begin to raise this fund until April. I sent letters to all the Department Patriotic Instructors and Department Commanders. I suggested that the Department Patriotic Instructors get in touch with the Camps of their Departments and ask each Camp to take up a collection and send in twenty-five to fifty cents. But very few of the Department Patriotic Instructors followed my suggestions. The collection of the fund was hampered by many of the Department Patriotic Instructors going out of office during the spring months and this necessitated the sending of letters with explanations to their successors. The same was done with the Department Commanders. But it was not long before contributions to the fund began to come in. The first contribution was received from Brother D. E. Bradish, June 15th, Thompsonville, Connecticut, and he asked that it be credited to Milan Parks Camp No. 34, Department of Vermont. The Commander-in-Chief asked his Aides to assist and they secured a goodly sum which is still in the hands of Past Department Commander Henry F. Weiler, Massachusetts, who will send me the amount and the names and the addresses of the donors so that I can write each one a personal letter thanking them in the name of the Commander-in-Chief. The money that I have received is as follows:

Alabama & Tennessee	\$ 0.00
California & Pacific	3'50
Colorado & Wyoming	2.50
Connecticut	7.00
Illinois	15.00
Indiana	4.50
Iowa	0.00
Kansas	0.00
Maine	1.00
Maryland	6.00
Massachusetts	17.00
Michigan	2.00
Minnesota	6.00
Missouri	5.00
Nebraska	0.00
New Hampshire	7.50
New Jersey	10.00
New York	10.00
Ohio	6.00
Oregon	4.00
Pennsylvania	10.00
Rhode Island	11.00
Vermont	7.37
Washington	4.00
Wisconsin	23.63

\$163.00

Past Department Commander Henry F. Weiler, Massachusetts has reported the following sums received:

Connecticut	\$ 1.00
Illinois	1.00
Maine	9.00
Massachusetts	6.00
New Hampshire	2.00
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	\$19.00

After I have received the names, addresses, etc., of the donors who made their contributions to Brother Weiler I shall make a complete report of all of the money collected and all items of expense together with the balance remaining in my hands subject to the order of the Commander-in-Chief.

In conclusion permit me to read the last paragraph of my column in the September "Banner" which Brother A. S. Holbrook has recently distributed among you.

"A third item in the year that is closing that causes me to feel that there is a growing feeling for patriotism in our beloved Order is the fact that there is a 100% response from all Department Patriotic Instructors to me as National Patriotic Instructor. You who read this article of mine must feel as I do that because of the fine activity as shown in my report in regard to the various activities of the Departments towards me there must be a healthy growth in the various Departments and that we all have a right to feel that we are entering a more successful period in our history than we have experienced for some time. Let us all hope and pray that such is the case."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Your Committee on Constitution and Regulations has a further report to make.

From the Department of New York—Flag of the Order, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Memorial Committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the City of New York at its meeting on May 8, 1935, on motion duly carried, did approve the DESIGN and SPECIFICATIONS made and presented by Alexander L. Ward, of Lafayette Camp No. 140, Department of New York, said DESIGN relating to Standard FLAG for the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the SPECIFICATIONS relating to the DESIGN for the FLAG, and to be inserted in the CONSTITUTION and REGULATIONS governing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Said motion further stated that said DESIGN and SPECIFICATIONS be presented to the annual Encampment of the New York Department to be held at Buffalo, New York, June 4-5, 1935, for approval and adoption with such amendments to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, After due deliberation and discussion by the Committee on Resolutions of said New York Department, it was duly approved by said Committee; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That each Department and Camp be permitted to have the name of their Department or Camp placed on the Banner; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the NEW YORK DEPARTMENT of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at its Encampment held in June,

1935, does hereby approve said DESIGN and SPECIFICATIONS, and recommends that said DESIGN and SPECIFICATIONS, with the necessary amendments to the Constitution and Regulations governing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be presented to the Commandery-in-Chief at its annual Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan, for its approval and adoption.

(Specifications attached).

(Seal) HOWARD W. AMELI, Department Commander.
JULIUS ISAACS, Department Secretary.

The Flag of the Order shall be as follows:

On a blue field four feet four inches by five feet six inches edged with yellow fringe, the Coat of Arms of the Order modified as follows:

Shield—The field in silver; two sabres crossed, points up, blades and guards gold, grips black, encircled by wreath of laurels, green; on a chief azure (Heraldic blue cobalt); the rising sun, gold; on the silver field arrange thirteen stars of five points, as in cut, in vermilion.

Supporters—On the right (of Shield) a soldier, in fatigue uniform, (without arms), of 1861-65, viz.: dark blue blouse, light blue trousers, zouave cap, cross and waist belt of brown leather, on the buckle the letters "U. S." On the left a sailor in navy blue shirt and trousers, black silk necktie and regulation blue cap, both standing on a green field with silver base.

Crest—An eagle (American) on rocks, in proper colors, atop a rope of silver and gold strands.

The scroll containing the motto is silver, shaded at folds and ends with crimson lake; letters black; the ornaments bordering the shield, and under same, of gold; the six (American) flags, with cannon and muskets, all in their proper places and colors, bayonets silver; all above the scroll set in a field of clouds with silver lining.

Letterings.—Gold, on the blue field above the crest in an arc with a four foot radius, the words "Sons of Union Veterans" in three and one-half inch letters; below the scroll the words "of the" in two and three-quarters inch letters; and below them "Civil War" in three and one-half inch letters; both in straight lines.

The matter appeals favorably to the Committee. However, in view of the fact that our Regulations contains a Coat of Arms and the Committee being unable to prepare proper specifications, but believing this should receive the consideration due it, we, therefore, recommend that this matter be referred to the incoming Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

The next: Amend Chapter I, Article II, of the Constitution and Regulations, by adding a new Section to be known as Section 6, as follows:

Section 6. Departments may provide for Membership at Large. Applications for such membership shall be directed to the Department Commander or Secretary who shall accept or reject the same. Records of such membership shall be kept by the Department Secretary substantially as required of Camp Secretaries and Treasurers. Transfers or Honorable Discharges shall be issued to members at large upon application to the Department Secretary.

Your Committee recommend adoption. (Committee sustained).

From Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: To change Section 3 of Chapter IV, of the Regulations, so that it will read:

Section 2. The combined units of any one Department in the Order shall be its Military Department, provided that no military rank in the Reserve shall be higher than a Colonel. The uniform for any Reserve unit or member of the Order shall conform to that now used by the Pennsylvania Department Sons of Veterans Reserve as adopted in 1932.

Your Committee do not concur in this amendment. (Committee sustained).

The next from the Department of Maryland:

Washington, D. C., May 9, 1935.

We hereby certify that the attached resolution was duly adopted at a stated meeting of Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5, held on Thursday, May 9, 1935.

H. TURNER LEWIS, Commander.

Attest: R. J. F. McELROY, Secretary.

Washington, D. C., May 9, 1935.

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated by experience that it is advisable for our organization to have a committee of a more or less permanent nature to look after legislation affecting the welfare of the Order and the affairs of our Nation and the constitutional union under which it is established, and

WHEREAS, The Committees provided for by Article VIII of Chapter 3 of the Regulations for the handling of the business of the National Encampment are appointed at each Encampment and cease to function with the close thereof, be it

RESOLVED, By Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5, Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in regular meeting assembled, that it propose to the next Departmental Encampment, to be held at Annapolis, Maryland, on May 13 and 14, 1935, that it recommend to the next National Encampment that Article VII, Title, Committees, of Chapter 3 of the Regulations be amended to read as follows:

"Article VII—Committees:

Section 1. The regular committees of the Commandery-in-Chief shall consist of five members each and, except, as in this Article provided, shall be as provided in the Order of Business set forth in Article VIII of these regulations.

Section 2. That a standing committee on legislation, consisting of five members, shall be appointed by each incoming Commander-in-Chief, as soon after the conclusion of the National Encampment as practicable. This committee shall consist of members in good standing in the order, whose duty it shall be to watch matters of proposed legislation affecting the welfare of the order or the constitution or welfare of the United States of America, proposed either in the Congress of the United States, or elsewhere, to oppose such as are inimical to the same and to make a written report to the Commandery-in-Chief at the session following their appointment."

May 13, 1935.

Approved by the Committee on Resolutions and adoption recommended

JEROME F. BARNARD, Chairman.
 CHAS. S. DAVIS.
 JAMES H. LILLIE.
 HORACE J. PHELPS.

Your Committee does not feel disposed to recommend the adoption of this resolution at this time, we, therefore, recommend that it be referred to the incoming Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. (Committee sustained).

This concludes the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. I move that the report be accepted and the Committee be discharged. (Carried).

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND—HAUCK.

National Counselor Heintz reported on the communication submitted by the Department of Maryland regarding the status of Past Department Commander John F. Hauck of that Department. National Counselor Heintz recommended that in view of the fact that there was no transcript of the proceeding of the Encampment of the Department of Maryland included with the communication, an opinion could not be rendered at this time, and referred the matter to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and the National Counselor. The matter was discussed by Past Department Commanders Casey, Lyons and Michael of the Department of Maryland and the Encampment adopted the recommendation of the National Counselor.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee presents final report showing following named, members of this Encampment (Roll called):

- 12 Past Commanders-in-Chief,
- 75 Past Department Commanders,
- 17 Department Commanders,
- 82 Delegates.
- 1 Alternate Delegate,
- 56 Substitute Delegates.
- 1 Department (Washington) not represented.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,

Signed: H. H. HAMMER, Nat. Sec., Chairman,
 JOHN W. RIPPETOE, Dept. Com., Illinois,
 PERCY M. THURSTON, Dept. Com., New Hamp.,
 CHESTER B. STUART, Dept. Com., New Jersey,
 R. R. WOOD, Dept. Com., Michigan.

I move the report be accepted and the Committee discharged. (Carried).

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS—THIRTY YEARS.

National Secretary Hammer: Perhaps this may be of interest. (Read statistics).

Past Department Commander Craig, Minnesota: I hope that will appear in the minutes of this Encampment, and so move. (Past Commanders-in-Chief Sheldon, Huston and others favoring, Encampment ordered insertion).

LARGEST CAMP IN RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS—
JUNE 30, 1935.

	Camp No.		No. Mem.	Instituted
Ala. & Tenn.	11,	St. Petersburg, Fla.	17	April 23, 1924
Cal. & Pac.	1,	San Francisco	80	Sept. 26, 1886
Col. & Wyo.	1,	Denver, Col.	47	Jan. 11, 1928
Connecticut	6,	Hartford	189	June 13, 1884
Illinois	140,	Monmouth	87	May 1, 1934
Indiana	20,	Muncie	100	Aug. 8, 1924
Iowa	152,	Spencer	35	April 27, 1917
Kansas	13,	Wyandotte	41	June 13, 1924
Maine	4,	Portland	114	Jan. 30, 1883
Maryland	2,	Washington, D. C.	78	Feb. 14 1887
Massachusetts	6,	Beverly	201	June 19, 1882
Michigan	7,	Jackson	176	April 21, 1914
Minnesota	1,	St. Paul	50	Feb. 4, 1885
Missouri	4,	St. Louis	52	July 21, 1893
Nebraska	144,	Lincoln	61	March 30, 1915
New Hampshire	10,	Keene	100	May 24, 1901
New Jersey	4,	Trenton	152	Jan. 9, 1896
New York	140,	New York City	187	Dec. 14, 1888
Ohio	91,	Alliance	123	May 23, 1912
Oregon	4,	Portland	50	Nov. 22, 1917
Pennsylvania	200,	Philadelphia	309	April 4, 1927
	1,	Philadelphia	248	April 24, 1879
		Davis, Pittsburgh	60	Nov. 12, 1881
Rhode Island	7,	Providence	50	Jan. 15, 1909
Vermont	19,	Burlington	78	March 30, 1886
Washington	9,	Wenatchee	65	Jan. 23, 1920
Wisconsin	35,	Eau Claire	118	April 22, 1909

MEMBERSHIP RECORD—THIRTY YEARS—1906-1935, INC.

National Secretary Hammer, with comments thereon, presented the following statistics:

June 30th.	Commander-in-Chief.	No. of Camps.	No. of Members.	No. New Camps Organized.	No. Charter Members Initiated in New Camps.	No. Members Initiated in New and Old Camps.	Total Gain, Members.	Total Loss, Members.
1905	Dustin	778	29558					
1906	Speelman	782	30601	85	2383	6663	8685	7642
1907	Amies	776	31650	85	2421	6973	10028	10020
1908	Sheldon	869	35425	133	4419	9358	11447	7672
1909	Allan	853	35139	121	3695	7764	9851	10137
1910	Pollitt	901	37531	128	3719	8281	11213	8821
1911	Bolton	962	41350	121	3499	9137	11707	7888
1912	McGuire	1036	44252	137	4117	9840	12226	9323
1913	Grant	1080	45887	153	4228	8772	11162	9528
1914	Sautter	1147	49987	133	4154	11217	13186	9086
1915	Sherman	1225	53607	147	4750	10094	12106	8486
1916	Stephens	1216	55055	109	3073	9371	11115	9667
1917	Church	1274	57824	70	1857	8151	10243	7474
1918	Johnson	1163	54298	29	945	4418	5244	8800
1919	Callaban	1125	51819	12	427	3468	4141	6620
1920	Sisson	1057	51062	37	1115	5909	6391	7148
1921	Barrows	1022	52135	38	1210	6539	7102	6029
1922	Ireland	1018	53549	37	1221	6241	6719	5305
1923	Shellhouse	1003	53730	24	632	5070	5625	5444
1924	Horn	1021	54961	54	1818	5650	6449	5209
1925	Coffin	1007	53730	24	578	4610	4996	6227
1926	Ireland	1006	52222	31	861	4025	4484	5992
1927	Homan	974	49447	17	428	2283	3244	6019
1928	Mabie	947	45687	15	416	1680	2096	5856
1929	Bowley	947	43596	38	1088	2469	3215	5306
1930	Cazeau	930	41523	23	693	2084	2752	4825
1931	Holbrook	903	38169	12	350	1439	2212	5566
1932	Huston	849	34775	8	237	1058	1659	5053
1933	Ruch	810	30211	4	104	702	1199	5763
1934	Yengling	796	28618	10	289	1297	2067	3660
1935	Kirchgassner	767	26418	6	194	1362	2029	
Total				1841	54921	165925	204593	208794

PRESS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Delegate Neeld, Illinois: Reporting for the Press Committee. We have had wonderful co-operation from the press. Our Encampment and our organization has been favored by them.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Nomination and election of officers. Past Department Commander Ream of Illinois, Department Commander Thurston of New Hampshire, and Department Commander Ameli of New York, are appointed tellers.

The National Secretary called the roll of Departments.

Past Department Commander Jackman: Alabama & Tennessee yields to Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, in these days when the American people of all parties and classes are earnestly seeking for responsible leadership in all social, business and public affairs, and are searching for men of true principles and proven ability to guide them aright, it justifies us, also, who desire advancement in the affairs of our Order to place our trust in those who possess like qualities as our leaders.

The Department of Illinois presents to you today one whom its members believe to be endowed with these qualifications. He has been long a member of the Order; he has served in many capacities in years gone by, and his activity has continued and increased with the years. He has acquitted himself admirably in all things pertaining to the welfare of the Order; he has initiated a movement that appeals to us and to many of you as well calculated to lead to higher planes of activity.

He is well known to all of you. He possesses the ambition, the ability and the qualities of leadership, and he is in position to give during the ensuing year the best of that ability and leadership to the conduct of this Order.

Illinois is proud of the record of this man in that Department and proud of his services in various capacities in the National Organization from year to year. He brings to the Order good character, large ability in leadership, willingness for energetic service, and the high qualities our Order ought always to seek in its chief executive.

Commander-in-Chief and Members of the Encampment, I take great pleasure, at this time, in presenting to you for the office of Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year Richard F. Locke, of Illinois.

When roll call was concluded, Past Department Commander Jackman: Alabama & Tennessee seconds the nomination of Brother Locke.

Past Department Commander Fouch, Michigan: I move that the rule be suspended and the unanimous ballot of this Encampment be cast for Richard F. Locke for Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Dyer, New York: I would have the privilege of seconding that motion. (Carried).

Department Commander Ameli, New York: I find the ballot unanimous in favor of Richard F. Locke as Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Brother Locke, do you accept?

At this point a delegation of approximately thirty-five or more members of the allied orders of the Department of Illinois, led by a drum corps of one of the Chicago Daughters of Union Veterans' Tents, entered the hall, surrounded Commander-in-Chief-elect Locke and escorted him to the Commander's station. Then, forming a semi-circle, the delegation paid tribute to their brother of Illinois, with appropriate words sung to the tune of "I Love You Truly."

Commander-in-Chief-elect Locke: Please let me accept in this way. Not so much as an honor to me, but as a tribute to the memory

of the citizen-soldier by reason of whose service to his country I am eligible to membership in this order.

Past National President Drusilla Ingalls Thayer, D. U. V.: Brother Dick, I think you realize all the girls in Illinois appreciate this great honor that you are bringing back to us. We are proud of you, Dick. Now you are Commander-in-Chief. We worked with you in the past, Dick, and we are going to do all that we can to help you now. (Delegation then left the hall).

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Nominations are now in order for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The Secretary called the roll until New Hampshire was called.

Department Commander Thurston: I place before you in nomination for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander Cleon E. Heald of the New Hampshire Department. He is a Grandson of a Veteran and joined the Order in 1916. In 1927 he was elected Department Commander; for two years he served as Department Organizer and was a member of the Department Council for several years. In 1924 he was elected a life member of a State Committee to assist the Department of New Hampshire, Grand Army of the Republic, and in this capacity has conducted their Annual Encampments in New Hampshire. He is now Acting Adjutant of the G. A. R. Post in Keene and for many years has directed the exercises and work of Memorial Day in that city. And, he has been of invaluable help to the Grand Army of New Hampshire. He is President of the Keene Normal Alumni Association. He is Assistant Principal of the Junior High School of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He is a successful businessman and one fully capable of giving good service to our Order, in the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Roll call was concluded.

Department Commander Crawford, Massachusetts: Massachusetts seconds the nomination of Brother Heald and moves that the unanimous ballot of the Encampment be cast for Brother Heald for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Motion carried. Ballot cast).

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: You have elected Cleon E. Heald as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. Brother Heald, do you accept?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief-elect Heald: New Hampshire is equally appreciative of this honor and in accepting I assure the Commandery-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief-elect Locke I shall at all times be ready and willing to carry out his orders.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The Secretary called the roll of Departments until Michigan was called.

Past Department Commander Cogshall: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, it gives me great pleasure to present to you an old friend of mine who for years has served and worked for this organization. The gentleman is a Past Commander of the Michigan Department and for five years served as Secretary of the Department. He is a railroad man and he has served on the committee connected with the Union of railroad employees to which he belongs. He is a gentleman who has a pleasant personality. He has the ability, the education and the willingness to represent the organization in this position. Never in the history of his membership in the Order has he ever refused to do his part. It gives me great pleasure to present to you

the name of Robert E. French of the Department of Michigan for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Roll call was continued until Wisconsin was called.

National Patriotic Instructor Donaldson: Wisconsin seconds the nomination of Brother French and moves that the unanimous ballot of the Encampment be cast for Brother French for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Motion carried. Ballot cast).

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Brother French, do you accept?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief-elect French: I am at a loss for words to express my deep appreciation. I assure you and our newly elected Commander-in-Chief, I am ready at any time to go anywhere and do what I can to assist in the work of this organization.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Nominations are now in order for three members of the Council-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll of Departments until Connecticut was reached.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Connecticut believes the man who served you last year has done his job so well, that we again present the name of Kenneth F. Cramer of Connecticut for a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Roll call continued until Massachusetts was called.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: It gives me great pleasure to present the name of Past Department Commander Charles H. E. Moran of Massachusetts for a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Roll call continued until New York was called.

Department Commander Ameli: New York wishes to present the name of Walter S. Beilby, a Past Department Commander, for a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Roll call was concluded.

Upon motion the unanimous ballot of the Encampment was cast for the three brothers nominated, as the members of the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year; all accepted.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Nominations are now in order for National Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary called the roll of Departments—Past Department Commander Jackman: Alabama & Tennessee gives way to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: This is the fourth time that it has been my extreme pleasure and privilege to nominate as your National Secretary-Treasurer a man with whom I have been acquainted through all the forty-four years of my membership in the Sons of Union Veterans. He was present at this Encampment in this city fifty years ago. I am just wondering what your exact age is, Horace. I don't propose to make a speech. It would be the most unnecessary thing I could do. I merely want to nominate for your National Secretary-Treasurer, the best man that ever served any organization in the position of National Secretary-Treasurer, my old bald-headed pal of Pennsylvania, Horace Hammer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I move the suspension of the rules and regulations, that the nominations be declared closed and that the unanimous ballot of this Encampment be cast for Horace Hammer for National Secretary-Treasurer for the five year term. (Motion seconded by several. Carried. Ballot cast).

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: You have elected Brother Horace H. Hammer to serve you as National Secretary-Treasurer for the five year term. Brother Hammer, do you accept?

National Secretary Hammer: I appreciate this Encampment's expression and thank each one of you sincerely. I accept.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: I move that the report of proceedings taken by the stenographer be the record of this Encampment, and the necessary number of printed proceedings be promulgated as customary. (Motion seconded by Department Commander Sattler. Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief-elect, you will name your Installing Officer.

Commander-in-Chief-elect Locke: I name Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook of Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The National Secretary will call the roll of officers-elect, who as their names are called, will arise and remain standing.

National Secretary Hammer:

Commander-in-Chief, Richard F. Locke.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Cleon E. Heald.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. French.

Council-in-Chief, Kenneth F. Cramer,

Charles H. E. Moran,

Walter S. Beilby.

National Secretary-Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer.

Installing Officer Holbrook: Commander-in-Chief-elect, if you have any appointments to announce, please do so and the brothers will rise as their names are called.

Commander-in-Chief-elect Locke: During the past year the spiritual needs of our organization have been so well cared for by Rev. Arthur M. Soule that he is again designated as Chaplain.

The splendid record made by our National Patriotic Instructor, C. D. Donaldson, is such that he is designated as National Patriotic Instructor.

During these times your Commander-in-Chief is going to be in need of sound, conservative, dependable, legal advice. There is none better qualified to serve in this manner than Michael G. Heintz of Cincinnati, and he is reappointed National Counselor.

I am going to be in need of an assistant. As my Personal Aide, I appoint Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch of Michigan.

Installing Officer Holbrook: I will appoint Department Commander Rippetoe to act as Installing Guide.

The officers, elective and appointive, were installed in regular ritualistic manner.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I am deeply grateful and appreciative of your action today, and of your kind words and expressions of regard and of the offers of help and assistance in the work in which we are all engaged. More I need not say. I promise you the best that is in me. That a year hence, in Washington, you may not be disappointed in your selection, will be my constant aim and prayer.

PRESENTATION OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S BADGE.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Commander-in-Chief, may I have a word with Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner?

Commander-in-Chief Locke: You may, and will you express to him the high appreciation and regard which I have for him, and which has only been abetted and increased in a year's association with him in this work.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Past Commander-in-Chief Frank, my pal and long time friend in this Order. One year ago you were asked to play a very important part in the life of our Order. You hoped to win, you had plans, you had hopes, you had projects to try. The year has passed, you have won some points; you have succeeded in that most worth while of all projects, you have proved yourself a man who plays the game of life fairly. "When the last Great Scorer comes to write against your name; He'll not ask if you won or lost, but how you played the game."

In the year of service, Frank, you have endeared yourself to every Brother of our Order. I doubt if there ever has been a Commander-in-Chief who accepted his office with more humbleness of spirit. Every day this man has carried the burdens of this Order on his heart and mind and I believe he has even taken his problems to bed with him, in order that he might be of assistance, in order that he might accomplish things for you.

Commander-in-Chief Locke previous to this Encampment has told me of Frank's willingness to help at all times, to do everything he could to promote our Order, and in the doing he has endeared himself to the entire membership.

Man worships mother, reveres father, loves wife, and adores children, but the quality of feeling he bears toward the man whom he trusts and calls his Friend has never been defined.

When you are in trouble, you do not have to call him; you find him by your side with his hand on your shoulder. When the sun shines on your side of the street he is over there with you, rejoicing in your prosperity.

You may not pull the same string he has hold of as you both try to untangle the knotted skein of life, but you know he is honest in his convictions, and you also realize that possibly he may be right and you may be wrong, and so you march along life's highway, keeping step each with the other, each of you striking the same basic notes that produce harmony instead of discord.

No matter whether the sun shines or is under a cloud, you bravely trudge along life's pathway because you know you have by your side a dependable man, and that is why you so loudly and proudly assert—THIS MAN IS MY FRIEND.

Eight years ago in this same city I received from the hands of a friend and Brother this beautiful gold insignia of a Past Commander-in-Chief. It is now my very great pleasure, as your friend and in behalf of this Fifty-fourth Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans to pin upon your coat your Past Commander-in-Chief's badge and I know from personal experience, that you will treasure it as representing some of the finest memories, and most beautiful things that have come into your life.

"There's no thrill in easy sailing
 When the skies are clear and blue,
 There's no joy in merely doing things
 Which anyone can do.
 But there's some satisfaction
 That is mighty sweet to take,
 When you reach a destination
 That you thought you'd never make."

We all rejoice with you, Frank, that you have reached that destination.

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: My Brothers, it is pretty hard to find words to express myself. I accepted the position a year ago with a lot of trembling and fear. I was so little known, I felt a fellow like me would have little success. But, I picked some fine men for my staff and I feel highly complimented that our Commander-in-Chief has reappointed my staff for the incoming year. Also I soon found I had a fine co-worker in the wife of this good man whom we all have learned to love, John Sautter. Everywhere I have gone as I have made my visits, I have had words of commendation spoken to me and so I have come to feel that I wasn't entirely a failure. My pledge to you today is only of continued service to give to you and to our organization my best support and efforts. I hope the God who watched over me will take care of this man who is to lead our organization this year. Thank you.

National Secretary Hammer presented Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner with a gold lapel recognition button of the Order, his usual gift to the Commanders-in-Chief whom he serves.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch: We have had such an inspiring and wonderful Encampment, harmonious and interesting—I cannot refrain Commander-in-Chief Locke, impressed as I am, from expressing myself. My Brothers, we have chosen a splendid, high grade, capable and an earnest Son of a Union Veteran as our Commander-in-Chief. From him, his services to the Order so many years, what stands out with me—is, he reminds me so much of Abraham Lincoln—in resemblance and build, and, hailing from Lincoln's same great State—all that should give to us that inspiration to return to our homes, Departments and Camps, with the determination to do and work for our Order and Commander-in-Chief Locke, as we never have done before for success. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Locke: There are four members to be appointed to the Committee on Program and Policy. These appointments are as follows: Dean Charles M. Thompson of Illinois, who is designated as chairman; Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, Past Department Commander Addison A. Quinn of Massachusetts, and Department Commander Davis of Oregon.

May we have a word at this time from our new officers.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald: I think 1918 was the last time New Hampshire had a National office. I assure you that the Department of New Hampshire is deeply appreciative of this honor. I shall give of my time and ability as best I can to further the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief French: I merely wish to reassure you that I am willing to give you all the assistance I can.

Council-in-Chief Cramer: I am happy to have had the privilege of serving you and I assure you that I shall render the service in the future as I have in the past.

Council-in-Chief Moran: I deeply appreciate the honor conferred upon me and shall do all I can to serve you.

Council-in-Chief Beilby: I, too, appreciate the honor conferred and shall continue to serve as I have in the past.

National Patriotic Instructor Donaldson: I will do the best I can to continue the work of my office, and I pledge you my best efforts.

National Chaplain Soule: I did not know this honor was to come

to me again, and I thank you. I shall certainly do all that is within my power to aid your administration.

National Counselor Heintz: I wish you had appointed someone else. I think these appointments should be handed around. We are taking in grandsons and we should give them these honors. You have asked me to serve and I accept nevertheless.

Personal Aide Fouch: I appreciate the appointment and I shall continue to serve as I have in the past.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: Our National Secretary-Treasurer will at least have the last word.

Secretary Hammer: I shall give my best for the order, and to you. Again I sincerely thank all for your confidence and the honor bestowed upon me in continuing me in this position.

There being no further business the Encampment adjourned in due form to meet in 1936 in Washington, D. C., in connection with the Seventieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Certified to as a true and correct transcript of the proceedings and action of the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 10-12, 1935.

FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,
Commander-in-Chief.

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Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations:
 " * * one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership,
 and one additional delegate for every one hundred members or major
 fraction thereof * * * "

Department:	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	Membership.	Delegates
Alabama & Tennessee	22	Mar. 12, 1889	68	2
California & Pacific...	19	July 1, 1886	600	7
Colorado & Wyoming..	25	Mar. 22, 1929	258	4
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	1373	15
Illinois	10	July 1883	892	10
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	918	10
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	296	4
Kansas	9	June 1883	409	5
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	1050	11
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	392	5
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	4852	50
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	514	6
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	232	3
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	274	4
Nebraska	16	Sept. 2, 1884	179	3
New Hampshire	11	Aug. 1883	758	9
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	943	10
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	2939	30
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	1864	20
Oregon	24	June 8, 1923	212	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	5649	57
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	358	5
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	665	8
Washington	23	Jan. 1, 1890	143	2
Wisconsin	21	Sept. 1887	580	7

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Hotel Rowe, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 9th
7:30 o'clock

The Joint Memorial Services of the Commandery-in-Chief and its National Auxiliary were conducted in the Ballroom of the Hotel Rowe, Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, with the National Chaplains of both organizations, Rev. Arthur M. Soule and Mrs. Mildred Peters, presiding.

Musical Prelude—Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston.
Hymn—"Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Invocation—Mrs. Mildred Peters, National Chaplain:

Father, help us to write a deathless page, this dawning year. Help us to write a page of truth and patriotism. Help us to humbly bow to thy all-wise behest.

What'er the gift of joy or woe, knowing Thou knowest best. Give us this day our daily food—knowing Thou, the giver. And when our mission is ended here, give us the eagle's fearless wing, to soar to Thee. Amen.

A tribute of love and affection to the loved sisters who have gone to that bourn from which no traveler returns, yet who continue to live in the hearts of those left behind. The chord of cherished memories among those beyond the immediate family circle, bringing back the recollection of departed hours to faithful friends.

"There is a chain death cannot sever.
Love and remembrance last forever."

(Places roses in basket).

Solo, "Still, Still With Thee"—Mr. William Smith. Accompanist, Emma Bolt.

Responsive Reading—Assembly standing.

Sons: I am the resurrection and the life; He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever believeth in me shall never die.

Auxiliary: God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; There shall be no more death nor sorrow or crying, neither shall there be any more pain.

Sons: For the former things have passed away; All life is one, all service one, be it here or there.

Auxiliary: The path of the just is as a shining light; that shineth more and more unto a perfect day.

Sons: As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people.

Sons and Auxiliary: O, death! Where is thy sting? O, grave! Where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin: The strength of

sin is the law, but thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Solo, "The Perfect Day"—Mr. William Smith. Accompanist, Emma Bolt.

Tribute—Rev. Arthur M. Soule, National Chaplain:

It is left to me to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brothers. In each of our Departments, some time during the year, special services are held in their memory, so on this occasion, we mention those who have been Past Department Commanders or Past Commanders-in-Chief, or those who were in active service at the time they were called to the other life.

This year we have seven Past Department Commanders who have answered the call. We have also parted with Theodore Cazeau, Past Commander-in-Chief, and Department Commander Phillips of Nebraska. These are mentioned because of their service.

At a time like this, we are asking ourselves, if he die, shall he live again? An age old question. It has been treated by many theologians and the most brilliant minds. No one has an adequate answer. We cannot prove, but I am sure our faith leads us to believe that we are only stepping from one room in God's house to another, where life is unfolded. In all the disappointments of life, we look forward to the realization that another life will be given us, that is denied here.

I am sure each one of us is holding in memory the brothers who have served us and have passed on.

If there is anyone here who has been designated by the Commander of New York to say a word for Brother Cazeau, I would ask him to come forward. For Brother Cazeau, those of us who have known him and who have followed him in his career, in the work of our organization know that faithfulness, loyalty and devotion, marked his career. We will ever hold him in remembrance for the things he has done and the things for which he stood, as a man of high quality.

Past Department Commander William A. Hallock: Theodore C. Cazeau joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1892. From his entrance into the Order he has been an active member. As the years have passed he held every office in his Camp, and most every office in his Department. In each place he felt keenly his responsibility and put his best efforts into the work. He loved the Order for its high ideals.

He was Department Commander of New York in 1918, and Commander-in-Chief in 1929.

His greatest delight was in helping the Order to honor the Grand Army of the Republic and as the "Old Soldiers" became more dependent, because of age, he became so enthusiastic in their behalf that it was his daily occupation. For twenty-five years he never missed a G. A. R. Encampment, and his time and money were always at the free disposal of its members—not as a sacrifice—but as a token of love. Their comfort and welfare became his soul's consuming fire: respect, devotion to the memory of the dead, concern for the living, his life.

He was Vice Chairman of the Flower Committee in Rochester and Monroe County for many years, and was the guiding influence in that committee.

When he chose his last resting place he said: "I want to be laid

close by my father's Comrades where the same Flag that stands guard over their mounds may include me in its protecting folds. In my humble way I have tried to show my appreciation of the service rendered by these men who answered Lincoln's call by dedicating my life to the principles for which they stood, and by instilling into the hearts and minds of our youth a greater love and respect for the Flag of our united Country. I wonder if when another Memorial Day dawns and another band directs the placing of flowers on our heroes' graves, those who knew me best, will pause by the sod that covers my grave and breathe a prayer for me who tried to be a friend to his fellow men."

National Chaplain Soule: On behalf of our brothers, I deposit these flowers, emblems of God's love, symbolic of purity, typifying the thought of our life and our brothers who have responded to the call to the other and higher life. (Places flowers in basket).

Hymn—"Abide With Me."

Benediction—National Chaplain, Rev. Arthur M. Soule:

And now may the blessing of God, the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, abide with us and may we ever hold in grateful memory those who have gone from us.

Silent Prayer.

Taps.

Report of the Meeting of FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Federated Patriotic Societies was called to order by the President, Mrs. Margaret F. Anderson, of Massachusetts, in the Ballroom of the Pantiind Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Sunday, September 8, 1935, at 3:00 p. m.

The meeting opened with singing of "America," Emma Bolt, of Missouri, presiding at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Frank C. Huston, Indiana, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the National Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Margaret Grandle.

President Anderson appointed Julius Isaacs of New York as conductor and he was asked to escort all Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army to the platform. Those escorted were: Past Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin, Honorary President of the Federation; Past Commanders-in-Chief Judge Willett and James E. Jewell.

Roll Call of Officers resulted as follows:

Present:

President, Margaret F. Anderson.
Secretary, Frank C. Huston.
Patriotic Instructor, Margaret Grandle.

Absent:

Vice President, Dorothy Houghton.
Chaplain, Mae G. Lincoln (deceased).

Roll Call of voting members resulted as follows—Present:

Grand Army of the Republic.....	4
Woman's Relief Corps	5
Ladies of the Grand Army	6
Daughters of Union Veterans	0
Sons of Union Veterans.....	5
Auxiliary to the S. U. V.....	6

National Heads of Allied Organizations were introduced as follows:

Lizetta Coady, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Detroit, Michigan; Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Pearl C. Cook, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Gertrude M. Sautter, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The minutes of the 1934 meeting held in Rochester were read by Secretary Huston.

Judge Willett: What do you understand to be the status of the report of the President made last year. Is that up for discussion now or is it not?

President Anderson: That question will come up under new business.

Judge Willett: I have a vital proposition and it is to be considered as an original proposition and I want to know if I can be heard now or if this is to come up later.

Secretary Huston: This report makes no decisions. It is but the report of the Secretary of the proceedings of the meeting of last year, on which I think Mrs. Tompkins has done a fine job. The report referred to was my report last year as your President. My report was not adopted and these minutes state so.

Judge Willett: I have a vital objection against this report. I want to be heard. It was suggested that this report be referred to a Committee. Am I to understand that that has been done? No Committee has conferred with the Grand Army and you have got to proceed that way. I don't wish it to be felt that I am making objection to this brother. I want the Orders to understand that. This will have to be passed upon at this meeting or referred to a Committee.

President Anderson: If there are no further corrections, the minutes will stand approved as corrected.

In the absence of the Vice President, I am going to ask Past National President Margaret Bennett of W. R. C. to take the chair while I read my report.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Grand Rapids, Mich., September 8, 1935.

From the beginning of time, men have felt the need of organization; from a tribe to a nation of people, from a hamlet to a town, to a city, to a state, to a kingdom or united states, and so on: all for the purpose of mutual protection and common endeavor. In this day, when military and patriotic organizations have come into existence and having tremendous numerical strength we find that a single organization affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic sometimes finds recognition difficult because of our lack of numerical strength. Therefore the need of a larger organization for certain purposes or some form of federation seems necessary. This fact has been recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic as evidenced by a letter of recent date written by Past Commander-in-Chief, Col. Russell C. Martin, which I desire to read to you at this time:

My dear Margaret:

The sixty-ninth year of the Grand Army of the Republic finds its remnant host, the now weak, unsteady left flank of the greatest Army and Navy that ever battled for the Nation's life and honor, still surrounding their camp fires, feeding the fast dying embers with the love and veneration held for each other. This love deepening as the roll calls shorten and soon to end with the last expiring breath of the last tired body of them all.

Every member of the Grand Army of the Republic understands that the activities of the organization are decreasing and soon will need the assistance of our Allies to conduct our National and Department Encampments. This idea has been brought before our Encampments for several years but the answers have been, wait until we are all gone. This excuse will not satisfy the members of our Allies. While the Grand Army of the Republic is a live organization is the time to arrange for the future. We will offer a resolution at the National Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September

S-11, 1935, that the Grand Army of the Republic ask our five Allied organizations to organize an association to continue the work of the Grand Army of the Republic. The separate organizations of our Allies cannot do this work alone, they have to be *federated*. It is understood that they would form an association agreeable to the wishes of the Grand Army of the Republic. The purpose would be at their National Conventions they would elect from each organization a committee of three or five who would meet with other committees from the other organizations and elect a president and such other officers as might be needed as a governing National Board. This Board would only have such powers as would be given them by the organizations themselves. This would give the whole membership a voice in selecting these committees. By-Laws, rules, and regulations would be arranged by committees from each organization. This would in no way interfere with the identical work of each organization.

This letter is for your information and advice.

(Signed) COL. R. C. MARTIN.

Upon assuming this honorable office I found much confusion as to the purposes and objects of the Federation. I have heard it said and have seen it written in reports, that the Federation was trying to form a large unit consisting of all the present orders affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and thereby destroy the individuality of the various organizations. If I believed that this was the purpose of the Federation I would have resigned as President. To destroy the peculiar relationship and heritage of certain organizations affiliated with us and to unify into one organization of five or six orders with such a variety of representation would cause only confusion, unrest and sectionalism. The purpose of the Federation as set down in our preamble and constitution is at the present time open to individual interpretation and many of the many individual views have been confusing or incorrect. Therefore, in an effort to clarify our purpose and place among the orders affiliated with the Grand Army, I offer the following resolution that it may be recorded and prevent further confusion among us:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Federated Patriotic Society regardless of hearsay or past interpretations of our aims and purposes be hereby recorded to be an auxiliary organization to the member orders and not a substitute for them; that the Federated Patriotic Society has no intention of destroying the individuality of the orders of which it consists.

That the Federation is not a supreme unit, but is at all times, subject to the organizations that are members; that the Federation has no power except that given to it by its member organizations; that its purpose is to aid its members in the manner described in our constitution; that its power lies in numerical strength to be used in the support of legislation in favor of the Grand Army of the Republic, or to oppose any unpatriotic movement or legislation when authorized by its member organizations to do so; that its purpose is to strengthen member organizations and not to destroy their individuality.

Act upon this resolution immediately, if possible.

The Federated Patriotic Society is primarily interested in the Grand Army of the Republic—its whole effort is for them, and if they fail to recognize our common effort in their behalf, our work is in vain, and we should disband at this conference. Their failure to recognize us is probably our own fault in not having heretofore given

a better idea of our aims. But from the letter of Colonel Martin, it is evident that the Grand Army of the Republic feels the necessity of an organization as outlined in his letter and in my resolution, but apparently confusion has prevented our earlier recognition. I have appointed a committee to confer with the Grand Army that an agreement might be reached to their satisfaction. Many changes might be necessary such as a different representation, but I feel that there is a place among the allied orders for the Federation and sincerely hope that our efforts will be understood by the Grand Army, and that they will feel justified in recognizing our organization.

The progress this year has been very slow, especially because of the great confusion that existed concerning our objective. The State of Rhode Island gives a very good example of the possibilities of the Federation? The Federated Patriotic Societies of the State of Rhode Island are preparing to have a highway named after the Grand Army of the Republic. Because of the co-operation of the organizations in that state, they have made themselves a powerful unit for the purpose of bringing the Grand Army of the Republic Highway to a successful conclusion, and I feel that their wish will be granted.

This gives us an idea of the great work we can do in perpetuating the sacrifices of the boys that fought to save our country, to keep it an individual Federation, the most powerful in the world, rather than a subdivided group of states.

As the Grand Army of the Republic saved the union of states in 1861, we call upon them to save the union of organizations who have all organized for the same purpose, namely the perpetuity of the patriotic achievements of our fathers. Let us have a clear understanding of the Federated Patriotic Societies, make whatever changes the Grand Army suggests and go forward to strengthen each other in our great work.

(Signed) MARGARET F. ANDERSON.

At the conclusion of her report, President Anderson extended her thanks to the National Secretary for his assistance during the year; to Grace Johnson for her stenographic services; to Emma Bolt, who acted as musician; and to Mr. Walker and Mr. Black for their assistance in making hotel arrangements.

Katherine Roch: I move the report be accepted. (Seconded by Mabel Nissen, Pennsylvania, Carried).

Comrade Samuel P. Town, of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was presented to the Federation.

Judge Willett: Members of the Organization, am I to understand that there has been a Committee appointed to confer with the Grand Army in this matter?

President Anderson: Since arriving here I have appointed such a Committee, but it has not been announced yet.

Judge Willett: Who is this Committee?

President Anderson: I have appointed Sister Kate G. Raynor, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Brother John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, and Sister Bessie Bowser, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

Judge Willett: So that the matter could be placed in a business view and get a concert of action, they must meet with the Committee from the Grand Army of the Republic before the sessions of the National Encampment.

I cannot quite understand Comrade Martin. In this report he has said exactly what I have had in mind, and yet we have not conferred. The Grand Army of the Republic is an incorporation and whatever is done must be done in proper legal procedure. All of these allied societies have got to be considered in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic. And, it will probably be extended to the next Encampment. And after you have proceeded properly I will steer our Comrades in the right track as Judge Advocate.

President Anderson: I would like also to include a member from the Ladies of the Grand Army on this Committee, Sister Emily Tompkins, Past National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We will now hear the report of the National Secretary.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

To the Officers and Members of the Federated Patriotic Societies, Allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, Sixteenth Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 8, 1935.

Greetings to All:

When, last year, at the Rochester Conference, the Federation chose to elect me as your National Secretary-Treasurer, I was not then convinced that it was the wisest move, nor, have I much cause to change my opinion regarding this action to this date.

However, I am not habitually a Shirker Society member, and having very scant sympathy for those who are, I assumed the office, and have endeavored to discharge, at least, a part of its responsibilities, though after a year's service, I now see many places for improvement.

The functions of this office in the present "set up" of the Organization, are more or less limited, but there are yet larger opportunities for service, ahead, as the Federation may assume such closer co-operation as should now exist among the members of the Grand Army Family.

The need of a much closer co-operation should be perfectly obvious to any and all who place the best interests of the Nation first in their thinking. That may sound a little radical, but I mean just that.

Our Honorary President, Col. Russell C. Martin, has made some very serious and well-intended efforts that this closer co-operation might be realized—but with what results, he, perhaps, can best report, should he so desire. It is the opinion, however, that this "grand old man" has not met with the encouragement which the situation well merits.

Your Secretary-Treasurer would urge, at least, this one move toward a closer unity, namely: That all Departments be required to report the roster of their Department Officers—those now sitting—and requiring the lists of new Department Officers, to be sent to the National Secretary-Treasurer, within ten days following the respective Department Conferences.

Since the present National Secretary-Treasurer was last year your National President—and having made a report which was most enthusiastically received by the Conference up to the point where a little misapprehension was interjected into the proceedings, it would seem that this report should be given consideration, and either be accepted or rejected, or good or sufficient reasons be given why this action should not be taken. As it is, the report stands, by the action of the Conference, stigmatized and an anathematized document; and

the records might well be cleared. The minutes show, a motion was made and carried, to place this matter in the hands of a Committee after it had been passed upon by a Committee of the G. A. R. To this date, so far as the knowledge of the Secretary-Treasurer goes, no report of any derogatory character has been received, and we believe it is due the Past National President, that this record be cleared. The present status of the report is: "That it be received and placed on record for reference, but not 'adopted,' until opportunity has been given for further consideration." As a matter of fact, there can be no vital differences or disagreements in any questions involved in the report, but we believe the record should be cleared up.

Our National President, while a very busy woman, in more ways than one, this year, has been the same gracious queen which for many years we have known her to be. We may well be proud of our National President. There seems to be just one Margaret Anderson.

The "home-going" of our gracious Chaplain, Mrs. Mae E. Lincoln, has left us with tender and precious memories of her long and helpful association in patriotic endeavor. To her loved ones of the intimate family circle, and to all vitally touched by her departure, we extend our sincerest condolences.

Our entire Official Family, has been one of dignity and honor. It is, indeed, a pleasant association to be thus connected.

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President Anderson: You have heard the report of the National Secretary. I will read again as he has read to you his recommendations. (Reads recommendations).

Secretary Huston: I think for the best interest of the Federation, some definite action should be taken on this report.

Judge Willett: The matter to which there is objection is the submission to the Grand Army of the Republic by the Committee. A submission to the Judge Advocate must come through the head. The law provides that in all cases it must first be submitted to the Commander-in-Chief, and I have never been called upon by the Commander-in-Chief to give an opinion. And there is no antagonism to you. I admire your ability. But we must proceed along the proper legal lines.

Secretary Huston: Frankly, I must admit that when I presented this to you I thought it was being presented in the proper manner. I shall be glad to submit this report and letter to the proper Committee and let it come through the proper channels in order that the records might be clarified. I have no antagonism towards any Grand Army Comrade, much less towards Judge Willett. I have been placed in a bad light and I believe that these things make for division and antagonism. I want peace, co-operation and to make the proper procedure. I think it is only just that I be cleared of any misunderstanding. I have been thought as being a sponsor of an organization which would supplant the members of the Grand Army family, which is a thousand miles from any thought that I have ever had. I have been made to appear in a bad light and I shall be glad to submit this report and have it take the proper procedure.

Anna Poole Atwood, Massachusetts: I move that the report of the President of last year be placed in the hands of a properly authorized Committee and acted upon and to be presented at our meeting next year.

Emily Tompkins: I second the motion. (Carried).

President: This Committee is: For the Sons of Union Veterans, John E. Sautter; the Woman's Relief Corps, Kate G. Raynor; the Auxiliary, Bessie B. Bowser; Ladies of the Grand Army, Emily Tompkins.

As to the report of the Secretary, what is your pleasure?
 Comrade Morrell, Washington: I move it be accepted. (Motion seconded by Mrs. Nissen. Carried).
 President Anderson: We will now hear the report of the Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Received from Emily J. Tompkins, former Treasurer.....	\$192.83	
Receipts:		
Dues—Sons of Union Veterans	\$10.00	
Dues—Woman's Relief Corps	10.00	
Dues—Ladies of the Grand Army	10.00	
Dues—Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.....	10.00	
Interest on Deposit	1.35	41.35
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		\$234.18
Disbursements:		
Printing Letterheads and Envelopes	\$20.80	
Tax on check02	
Printing Leaflets and By-Laws.....	9.00	
150 Post Cards	1.50	
Postage, Secretary-Treasurer	3.00	
Printing Cards, Letters, Program Banquet.....	7.00	
Postage	4.75	46.07
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		\$188.11
On deposit First National Bank, Knightstown.....	\$183.36	
In petty cash account	4.75	\$188.11
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Available Cash	\$188.11	
Account due from Commercial Savings Bank and Trust Company of Toledo, Ohio	103.72	\$291.83

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK HUSTON,
 Secretary-Treasurer.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: I move the report of the National Treasurer be accepted. (Motion seconded by Mrs. Tompkins. Carried).

President Anderson: We will now hear reports from the different Departments.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS.

INDIANA—Bessie Hart: I wasn't instructed to give a report. We have four Federations and promise of the fifth.

IOWA—Fannie B. Snell: We have an active Federation in Iowa, holding meetings. We have very good meetings and an active organization.

KANSAS—B. Collins, Ludwig: We have an active Federation, organized in 1922. This year we had more than 250 present at our

Department meetings and had as guest the National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

MISSOURI—Theodore H. Mohr: Our Department President sends her regrets. We in Missouri have a very live organization.

MINNESOTA—Several years ago we organized a Federation and officers were elected. There has been absolutely nothing done since and should not be reported. There is a local unit in St. Paul.

OHIO—LaRue: We have a splendid organization and wonderful meetings. There are a number of units with prospects of two more.

NEW YORK—Fred C. Barnard: I want the Federation to know that New York is on the map. Circumstances seem to be such that we are unable to meet during Encampment time, due to so much business. I was elected President and have been unable to get a quorum since. We want to get together and really go to work. I am here today to get some ideas. We are willing to co-operate if it is worth while.

OKLAHOMA—No report.

RHODE ISLAND—Gertrude Mohr: The Federation is working out fine.

WASHINGTON—Frances M. Hassic: We have a fine splendid organization and in June we had a wonderful meeting of at least 125. We do everything out in Washington in a big way.

VERMONT—No report.

PENNSYLVANIA—Mary Barclay: We have had our meetings at the Convention and a very large delegation present. We had our National President Gertrude Sautter and our Commander-in-Chief Frank Kirchgassner with us this year. There are five units in the state.

NEW JERSEY—Emma Hawkyard: We had seventy present at our picnic with representatives from all the allied organizations and we had a very fine time. We are trying to do our very best for America. We are holding another picnic the 27th of October.

WISCONSIN—Department Commander Phipps: In 1934 at the Encampment we elected a temporary President and Secretary with the expectation of electing permanent officers, but time did not permit. Through a lot of misunderstanding and discussion of what the Federation was we did not get to it and the present officers continue for the next year. We have a local unit in Eau Claire.

COLORADO—Mary F. Kiehn: I bring you the greetings of Colorado & Wyoming. We have a wonderful Federation.

MASSACHUSETTS—President Anderson: We have no federation, but we have appointed a committee and we are planning to form a federation. And I can assure you when we do, it will be one we will be very proud of.

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President Anderson: We will now have the report of the Resolutions Committee.

Past National President Kate G. Raynor: The following resolutions are herewith presented to the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic at the annual meeting held September 8, 1935:

WHEREAS, The National Officers of the Federated Patriotic Societies have worked to promote interest in our various Organizations through the Department Federated Societies, hoping for the mutual

benefits to be derived by a lasting impression and a renewed interest; and

WHEREAS, The Chamber of Commerce of Grand Rapids and the citizens have extended the hand of hospitality to our allied Organizations for the third time in ten years, and are doing everything in their power to entertain our Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the allied Orders; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts, under the directions of their Scout Masters, are doing more than their "good turn a day" by their assistance to all visitors; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the sincere thanks of the members of the Federated Patriotic Societies be extended to each one responsible for our comfort; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic regret the action taken by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and assure them that there will always be a place for their organization in the family circle of the Grand Army of the Republic. Be it further

RESOLVED, That we again pledge our love and loyalty to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, thus demonstrating the fact that we shall carry on a Grand Army Organization always.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE G. RAYNOR,
J. E. SAUTTER,
BESSIE B. BOWSER.

Sister President, I move the adoption of this courtesy resolution. (Motion seconded by Sarah J. Ehrmann. Carried).

The following resolution was adopted at the Second Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of California & Nevada, held in Modesto, California, on May 5, 1935:

WHEREAS, Much disappointment is felt by those attending the Conferences of the National Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, that it is so exclusive in its voting membership; and

WHEREAS, It is felt that the National Federated Patriotic Societies would be much broader in its scope and could accomplish many things more worth while than evidently has been done in the past, if this ruling were changed and the voting membership conform with that of the six organizations holding their respective conventions at the same time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we recommend to the National Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, that its voting membership be changed by including the Presidents and Past Presidents of the Department branches of the Federated Patriotic Societies and the Department Presidents and Past Presidents of the allied organizations in the various Departments, and that its By-Laws be changed accordingly.

FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES ALLIED WITH
THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Department of California & Nevada.

By GRACE B. WILLARD, Retiring President.

Attest: FANNIE D. MEDLAR, Retiring Secretary-Treasurer.

If this resolution be adopted, we feel that we should have a very

cumbersome organization and we think the representation should remain as it is. The Committee, therefore, does not concur in the resolution.

Secretary Huston: What point of contact will the Federations of Departments have with the National Federation? I may not be well informed but it would seem to me there ought to be some point of contact through the Department to the National and then the local to the Department. We should have a little closer point of contact so that the Departments may feel that they are really a part of this Federation. I would suggest that a committee be appointed by this National President, one member from each of the allied organizations, to give consideration to this affiliation and to report at the next Encampment their findings.

Sarah J. Ehrmann: If there is no voting for these Department representatives, may I ask what reason there is for asking them to make reports?

Sister Raynor: Just as a matter of information.

Sarah J. Ehrmann: Each year we ask these Departments for a report and yet they have no vote. We ask them to work for us and I think they are entitled to some vote.

Sarah J. Ehrmann: I believe that the voting body should consist of the Department Presidents of those Departments who do not have Federations, but report, and of the Department President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Patriotic Instructor of those Departments Federated.

Sarah J. Ehrmann: I do not think that it is fair to give all Departments the same privileges whether they are Federated or not. I think it should be stated clearly who have Federations and who do not, and that those Departments who are Federated should have a vote in this meeting. I think that the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Patriotic Instructor of those Department Federations should be entitled to a vote in the National Federation.

Kate G. Raynor: The resolution of California makes all the Past Presidents of the Department Federations, the Department Presidents and Commanders and Past Department Presidents and Commanders of all the allied organizations, voting members. This is entirely a different matter that Mrs. Ehrmann presents, and I believe worthy of our consideration.

Secretary Huston reads Article VIII—Amendments—of the Federation By-Laws.

Pietro Hynes, Washington: I move the Committee be sustained. (Seconded by Margaret C. Brady. Carried).

Mrs. Ehrmann then submitted her motion in writing, as required by the By-Laws, as follows:

I move that the Constitution and By-Laws of this Federation be revised to include as voting members of this body the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Patriotic Instructor of each Department Federated.

Margaret C. Brady: I second the motion. (The vote was in favor of the motion and the chair so ruled).

Annie Poole Atwood, Massachusetts: I move that a committee be appointed by the President to wait upon the Daughters of Union Veterans in their convention assembled, urging them to come back into the Federation.

Margaret C. Brady seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Anderson: I will appoint the following committee: From the Woman's Relief Corps, Past National President Atwood; from the Ladies of the Grand Army, Past National President Grandle; from the Auxiliary, Past National President Willma Combs.

If there is no further business, we will proceed with the election of officers. Nominations are now open for National President.

Annie M. F———: I wish to place in nomination for the office of National President, the name of Margaret Grandle.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: I move you the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this body for Sister Grandle for President for the ensuing year. (Seconded by Sister Raynor; motion carried and the Secretary cast the ballot).

President Anderson: Do you accept, Sister Grandle?

Margaret Grandle: I do accept this high honor that you have chosen to bestow upon me in behalf of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Nominations were opened for the office of Vice President.

John E. Sautter: I desire to nominate Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Sister Margaret Bennett of Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: I move you the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this body for Sister Bennett for Vice President for the ensuing year. (Seconded by Sister Ehrmann; motion carried; Secretary cast the ballot).

Sister Bennett: I desire to nominate the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Alfred E. Stacey of New York, for Honorary President. (Seconded by Sister Grandle; unanimous vote given).

Mayme Dwyer: I nominate Sister Gertrude Sautter, National President of the Auxiliary, for the office of Patriotic Instructor. (Seconded by several; unanimous vote given upon motion by Sister Bennett and properly seconded).

Willma Combs: I nominate Brother Park Yengling for the office of Chaplain.

Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: I move the nominations be closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this body for Brother Yengling for Chaplain for the ensuing year. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief James E. Jewell; motion carried; Secretary cast the ballot).

Secretary Huston: I move we close without ceremony. (Seconded by many. Carried).

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-5-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kan.
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	30 Elm St., Takoma Park, D. C.
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amles	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	301 City Hall Annex, Boston, Massachusetts.
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	22 East First St., Mt. Vernon, New York.
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	2057 The Field Building, 120 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill.
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Mass.
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	5515 Corona Ave., Maywood, Calif.
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Oakley Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
1925	Edwin C. Ireland	Maryland	321 St. Dunstan's Rd., Homeland, Baltimore, Md.

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	191 North Common Street West Lynn, Mass.
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	2227 South Ninth Street, Phila- delphia, Pa.
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.	2550 Pine Street, San Fran- cisco, Calif.
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	Knightstown, Ind.
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	314 North Jefferson Street, 610 Main St., Hellertown, Pa.
1933	Park P. Yengling	Ohio	548 Bassett Road, Bay Village, Ohio.
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	29 Burr St., Jamaica Plain, Mas-

Sons of Veterans

1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1883	†Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
1885	†Louis M. Wagner		
1886	†Louis M. Wagner		

The Post System

1889-90	†George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, New York
1890	†George T. Brown	New York	

Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania	
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania	

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

*Frank H. Challis....	New Hampshire
E. Howard Gilkey.....	65 South High St., Columbus, Ohio

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

O. R. Brown.....	312 Harries Bldg., Dayton, Ohio
*Charles A. Bookwalter	Indianapolis, Ind.

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

*Deceased.

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